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ROBBERY AND SEX CRIMES ON THE RISE

Crooks turn to 'easy targets' after crackdown

VIOLENT crime is up by as much as 25 per cent in the district as criminals turn their attention away from homes and cars to concentrate on easier targets.

According to police statistics released last week, robbery is up by a quarter with 103 cases reported this year, while sexual assaults have risen by 12.7 per cent from 126 to 142.

But property crime is down, with burglaries from homes and shops showing more than a 15 per cent

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

decrease on last year, while car crime was down 13 per cent.

Yourcanterbury asked Kent's Assistant Chief Constable, Gary Beauridge, whether improved security had played a part. He said: "Preventative actions do alter criminal activity, there is evidence for that."

"If you take security precautions for your house and car, you are far less likely to become a victim of crime. We are targeting recidivist criminals and due to excellent intelligence we know the main people in the area are who

are committing most of the crime – and we are cracking down."

More than 25 per cent more drug offences were reported this year, but the police say this is down to increased reporting.

Mr Beauridge said: "There has been a massive roll out in community policing and we have been listening to people's concerns."

"They told us they were most worried about drug dealers damaging



MESSAGE: Gary Beauridge

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APPLE OF HER EYE

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is to be the last panto at the Marlowe Theatre before its multi-million pound refurbishment.

EastEnders actress Emma Barton and TV presenter Stephen Mulhern – returning to the Marlowe after his title role in Aladdin last year – are heading the star-studded cast.

Emma, who plays Honey in the BBC soap, said the role was a dream come true. She said: "I'm so excited. I've always wanted to play Snow White. I felt like a 12-year-old again when I put the costume on."

They line up alongside comedian Dave Lee as Nurse Nellie, Broadway star Valerie Cutko as the Wicked Queen, Ben Roddy as Herman the Henchman and dashing Richard Hurst as Prince Lorenzo.

Snow White will run from November 29 to January 18. Book online at www.marlowetheatre.com or call 01227 787787.

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IN STARBUCKS WE TRUST



STAFF from Starbucks in Canterbury visited Deal-based charity Martha Trust to help with a spot of gardening.

The team, led by manager Amanda Donovan, arrived laden with spades and hoes before getting stuck in and clearing the gardens ready for autumn planting. Amanda said: "It was great fun and we look forward to coming back in September."

Freelance gardeners Trish Powling and Philippa Kesall also lent a hand. Trish said: "The Martha Trust is a fantastic place and it is rewarding to know our help has made a difference to the lives of residents." Martha Trust provides care for people with profound disabilities in homes around Deal.

Through the help of volunteer groups and businesses, the charity has been able to give each individual the chance to reach their maximum potential. For more information visit www.marthatrust.org.uk.

Kebab shop late hours bid anger

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

A CANTERBURY kebab shop and café has outraged neighbours by applying to stay open until 4am and sell alcohol until midnight.

Jaspers, in Church Street, a popular destination for revellers in need of a late-night snack, has applied to Canterbury council for the licence to remain open throughout the night.

Yet residents say the shop already stays open up to two hours later than its licensed hours of 1.30am, and the noise and disturbance caused by drunken customers is often unbearable.

Jaspers, which has a small seating area, is also a late night café as well as a takeaway and delivery service.

Neighbour Rosemary Simpson said: "By the time they get to Jaspers these drinkers are completely legless and out of control."

"They simply don't know or care how much noise they are making, or that they are disturbing people who will shortly have to get up for work after another disturbed night."

Other neighbours reported the shop's "routine failure" to keep to any

of the conditions the licensing committee has previously imposed.

Alan Vassall, who has submitted a six-month diary of activity at the takeaway as part of his objection, claims the shop regularly stays open up to two hours longer than it is supposed to.

He said: "It would seem that what Jaspers is attempting to do in requesting a variation of its hours is to legitimise what has been illegal trading in the past."

"If the licensing committee ratifies this application now it would seem that this action is being condoned."

The police have also objected to the application, unless a scheme to prevent the sale of alcohol to underage drinkers is brought in and CCTV is installed.

Jaspers, which is near The Works and new nightclub Club Chill, gets a great deal of custom from clubbers returning home after a night out.

The kebab shop is also on the route to Canterbury Christ Church University from the centre of town, making it a popular with students.

More than a dozen letters have been submitted to the licensing committee objecting to the extension in trading hours. A decision will be made on August 1.

Robbery on the rise

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their communities. We have acted on this and our message is: you are very vulnerable if you are dealing drugs in Kent. We will be watching and we are after you. And you will not know we are after you until you are caught."

Police put the decrease in property crime down to the locking up of a hard core of repeat offenders.

East Kent area commander Ch Supt John Molloy said: "The drop reflects the hard work of officers and investigators in bringing the small number of people who commit burglary before the courts. This has resulted in lengthy sentences for offenders."

Spitting with rage

A MAN who spat in the face of a police officer got instant retribution when he was punched in the face.

Ambrose Jones, 33, of Warwick Road, Canterbury, was drunk when PC Daniel Pearce arrested him in the city's Querns Road on January 11.

Julie Farbrace, prosecuting, said as PC Pearce tried to get him in a squad car Jones spat in his face.

Seconds later the officer hit the handcuffed man above the eye because he thought Jones was attempting to kick him. Jones admitted assaulting PC Pearce.

Debbie Pizzey, defending, said Jones had a serious alcohol problem. "He remembers little but said he was assaulted and intends to make a complaint," she said.

Jones was given a 200-hour community order and ordered to pay £100 compensation plus £150 costs.



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£600k loan request from leisure trust

Energy costs swallow savings needed for refurbishments

TAXPAYERS could be asked to front a £600,000 interest-free loan to the trust running the district's council-owned leisure centres.

Active Life has requested the money to complete refurbishment works in the face of spiralling energy costs.

Active Life trust manager Neil West says the call for extra money is not a sign things are taking a turn for the worse and reports that membership has actually increased this summer.

But energy costs to run the district's leisure centres are predicted to rise by 70 per cent next year, taking the annual bill to £200,000.

Ironically, Canterbury council installed hundreds of thousands of pounds worth of energy efficiency measures at its swimming pools last year in the hope that the savings would pay for refurbishment works.

But these savings have now been swallowed up by the huge hike in energy prices.

Mr West said: "Energy prices have gone through the roof. We could all see it coming but didn't think it

would be as bad as it has been. The rise in prices has meant that we are no longer making savings, just slowing the increase in costs.

"This loan, if it is granted, will allow us to carry out the refurbishment works we had planned to improve the changing rooms and toilets."

The planned improvements have become more pressing with the arrival of JJB Leisure, which will shortly open a new gym in Sturry.

Canterbury council is concerned that this could result in a loss of membership for Active Life, but Mr West is confident there are enough customers to go round.

He said: "When a private firm moves into an area you can see an immediate short-term drop in membership, but over time it evens out and we are just left with more people exercising."

"JJB is focused on exercise while we offer more in the way of family activities and sports such as badminton and squash."

A survey by Deloitte found that the drop in consumer spending is the most likely factor behind a national downturn in gym membership and warned that the leisure industry is entering a tough time.



ON THE RUN: Gym membership has risen this summer, despite economic woes

Video tour of football hub as farm site is earmarked

CANTERBURY'S footballing future is looking bright after the preferred site for Canterbury's long-awaited football hub was announced.

Ridlands Farm, near Kent and Canterbury Hospital in the southern part of the city, was named by the council as the best site for the hub, the new home of Canterbury City Football Club.

Visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk for a video tour of what the new complex – which includes a stadium, five-a-side pitches, an artificial pitch, grass pitches and a clubhouse featuring a state-of-the-art gym – will look like.

Canterbury City FC will be organising a consultation event where people can find out about the plans and discuss any queries they may have about the project.

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Canterbury beekeepers on dying colonies. Search 'Bee'

Shareholders call the tune in singer's new label venture

SINGER Laura Warwick is inviting more people to share in her success as part of her innovative public record label scheme.

Miss Warwick, 20, decided she didn't want to wait to be picked up by an established label and after recording songs at a home studio, run by musical collaborator Dave Boulden, opted to take the initiative and get backing herself.

She advertised on her MySpace site for shareholders to come forward and invest in the project – with the promise of profits if her career takes off.

Owning shares also gives people some creative control over certain decisions, such as artwork and even what songs to include on albums.

The shareholders are kept informed of via an email list, sending replies which are then collated and acted on.

Shares are £5 each and shareholders receive a digital copy of the completed album, with bonus tracks, a ticket to the album release party and, of course, a share in the profits in the form of a dividend payout in April 2010. For more information, visit www.myspace.com/laurawarwick.

Threat to visitor centres angers coastal groups

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

CAMPAIGN groups in Whitstable and Herne Bay have accused the council of favouring Canterbury over the coastal towns when it comes to funding.

Activists have stepped up the pressure on Canterbury council to spare the towns' visitor centres from the axe after plans to replace manned visitor centres with automated internet kiosks were revealed in May.

Many townspeople and traders, concerned this would damage the tourist trade, have written to the council and signed petitions arguing against the closures.

Kim Hennelly, from Herne Bay Vision, said: "At the last two executive meetings the panel awarded Canterbury's Beane Project £274,000 of taxpayers' money."

"And yet they are unable to find £100,000 for the coastal towns to continue the already limited community and tourism services."

"Herne Bay's visitor information centre costs the taxpayer just £53,000 a year to run. Whitstable costs £48,000 and Canterbury costs about £280,000."

In an interview with Yourcanterbury in May, Canterbury council's tourism manager Neil McCollum said the move was simply a reflection of the fact that more people were doing research at home before arriving at their destination.

This in turn had led to fewer tourists using manned centres, so the council had decided to close them, installing a series of poster boards, leaflet stands and interactive kiosks throughout the towns instead.

The scheme could involve staff redundancies and Canterbury council says the move will save up to £50,000 a year.

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NEWS IN BRIEFCeremony in honour of
WWI fighter ace 'Mick'

BRITAIN'S top World War One flying ace will be remembered at West Gate Towers in a commemoration day on the anniversary of his death in action over the Western Front.

Major Edward Corringham 'Mick' Mannock, who was brought up in Canterbury, shot down 61 German planes, more than any other British pilot.

The anniversary, on Saturday, is being commemorated in World War One Fighter Ace, a special family event at the towers, and also in a separate wreath-laying ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral at 11am.

Man charged with drink
driving after flipping van

A VAN crash in Whitstable has led to a drink driving charge for an Aylesbury motorist.

Police were called to a report that a van had turned on to its side near the Whitstable slip road off the A299 Thanet Way at 5am on Saturday, July 12.

Officers arrested the driver, Karl Pemble, 35, of Bracken Way, Aylesbury, who is due to appear before magistrates in Canterbury on July 30 charged with drink driving.

The van was the only vehicle involved and there were no injuries.

Police to pounce on dog
owners who fail to scoop

IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners are being targeted by police and council officers in Canterbury's parks.

Joint patrols by the police community support officer for open spaces and council staff have resulted in four enforcement notices being issued to dog owners warning them they will be fined if they do not keep their pets on leads where this is specified in parks.

Environmental issues and litter have been listed by the joint groups called Partners and Communities Together as among the top ten priorities they want addressed in their communities.

Urban skillz sessions to
give festival street cred

A FREE urban arts and street culture event will return to this year's Herne Bay Festival.

Freestylin' @ The Bay will give young people aged 13-19 the chance to learn skills such as R&B singing, beatbox and street dancing with professional artists, from Monday 18 to Friday, August 22.

Everyone involved will have the chance to show off their newly-acquired skills to the audience on the last day of the festival.

Visit www.hernebayfestival.co.uk for more information.

Beer festival aled
a massive success

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

SIX thousand people flocked to the increasingly popular Kent Beer Festival at Merton Farm near Canterbury last weekend.

Organisers say this has been the most popular festival so far, with tickets for Friday night selling out at the beginning of July – the earliest ever. The event was so popular that cask ales ran out on Saturday afternoon, the final day of the three-day event.

Spokesperson Mary Galliers said: "It went very well indeed. We had some different bands this year, which were quite popular."

Atmosphere

The festival, held by the Campaign for Real Ale, boasted over 130 British beers, as well as ciders and perry. There were almost 50 beers from the ten Kent breweries, with smaller brands such as Hopdaemon represented alongside large brewers like Shepherd Neame.

Festival-goer Stephan Wasserman-Fry said: "The beer festival is amazing. It has a nice atmosphere and is the quintessential Canterbury experience. It is country life juxtaposed with the British weather."

"My favourite beer is Weihenstephaner – the oldest beer in the world. The brewery was founded in 1040."

There were a number of novelty beers at the festival this year, including espresso beer, cherry beer and ginger beer.



WHAT'S YOUR POISON? More than 130 British beers, with names such as Skullsplitter, were supped by festival goers

Those with novelty names rather than novelty tastes proved the most popular. Bartender Hugh Bird said: "Skullsplitter was very popular. Last Rites was the legendary one, at 11 percent. A crowd of people gather round asking what it is like."

The festival boasted an eclectic musical line-up, as well as morris dancers, children's entertainment and even archery.

This is the beer festival's 34th year, making it the second oldest beer festival in the country.

Festival organiser Gill Keay said: "The Kent beer festival is the highlight of the summer for

our many regulars but we always welcome new visitors and tourists too. Tasting notes are provided to encourage people to try different beers."

The festival promotes Kent's beers, and is run by volunteer members of the Campaign for Real Ale. Profits go to their headquarters, and are used in campaigns to protect and promote real ale.

Campaign for Real Ale volunteer, James Lamb, said: "The festival is full of good people, nice people. There is fantastic free beer if you are working. More people should volunteer because it's a really good atmosphere."

Singers shine light on
30mph road campaign

THE Streetlight Singers serenaded Whitefriars shoppers on Friday in a bid to cut speeding on our roads.

As part of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership's (KMSCP) 'Streetlights mean 30' campaign, the trio of singers – all dressed in 9ft streetlight costumes – performed a specially composed song to raise awareness of the speed limit in built-up areas.

Other members of the team handed out free flashlight key rings and provided the public with information

dispelling any myths and reminding the public that streetlights by the road means the limit is 30mph – unless stated otherwise.

One of the team taking to the streets said: "The launch was a great success and caused quite a stir on the day."

"Some members of the public did admit to not knowing the rule but will remember it now thanks to the Streetlight Singers."

• For more information about the campaign log on to www.kmscp.org.

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WISH COME TRUE: Alex Wellard meets the cast of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang during his visit to Cardiff

Truly Scrumptious day out for young leukaemia sufferer

A BOY fighting leukaemia has had his wish come true after he was whisked off to meet the stars of hit musical Chitty Bang Bang.

Alex Wellard, 9, of Manor Close, Herne Bay, was a massive fan of the popular movie version of the tale, so his family wrote to the Make-A-Wish Foundation UK charity asking if he could see the new stage production and take a peak behind the scenes.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation UK is Britain's leading wish granting charity which organises exciting experiences for children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses.

And young Alex had his dreams answered when he was told he was going to Cardiff to see the show and meet the stars – including singer Aled Jones.

Earlier this month, the charity transported him to Wales where he and his family were put up in a hotel ready for the big day.

Make-A-Wish arranged for him to be collected from his hotel in a stretch limousine, along with his mum, dad and brother, Daniel, and travel in style to the Millennium Centre in Cardiff where they watched a matinee of the acclaimed show.

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

After singing along to classic songs such as Me Ol' Bamboo and Truly Scrumptious, Alex and his family were invited backstage to meet the cast of the show, including Aled Jones, who plays Chitty's inventor, Caractacus Potts, in the all-singing, all-dancing stage version of Ian Fleming's famous book.

Jones shot to fame as a boy soprano in the 1980s and has since carved a career which includes presenting the BBC's Songs of Praise and BBC Radio 2's Good Morning Sunday show.

Alex's mum, Kerrie, said: "Alex felt really special being able to sit in the 'Chitty' car and everyone was so kind at the theatre. It was an experience we will never forget."

Founded in 1986, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted nearly 5,000 wishes over its 21 year history.

Wishes, which are granted to children from across Britain, range from a sought-after present such as a quad bike or Playstation 3 to an experience of a lifetime, which has included meeting bands such as Def Leppard.

• To get involved with the charity please visit www.makeawish.org.uk.

Special report on the Lambeth Conference

THE Lambeth Conference is under way in Canterbury, with more than 650 bishops descending on the city.

The once-a-decade get-together, one of the biggest events in the Anglican Church's calendar, is likely to stimulate widespread discussion given much of the discussion focusing on homosexuality.

Prior to its start, Julie Maddocks went along to find out quite why it is so significant in a special report on our free, broadband TV site www.yourkenttv.co.uk. Search 'Lambeth'.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Medics to wheel way to accidents

PEDALLING paramedics will be introduced in Canterbury and Whitstable this summer in an effort to speed up response times.

It is hoped ambulance crew on bikes will be able to quickly reach and treat patients inaccessible by vehicle, thanks to the scheme being trialled in Kent and Sussex.

The mountain bikes will be equipped with all the necessary life saving gear – including a defibrillator carried on the paramedic's back – to treat patients or keep casualties alive while waiting for an ambulance to take them to hospital.

South East Coast Ambulance Service said the new two-wheeled lifesavers would respond to all types of emergency calls.

Acting clinical team leader, Dave Marshall, said: "We believe these bikes will prove to be a positive addition to our fleet in terms of responding quickly and appropriately to patients."

The scheme is also being trialled in popular seaside resort Brighton in East Sussex.

Parks to fly green flag

TWO parks in the district have been awarded green flags, the national standard for open spaces.

Reculver Country Park, for the sixth time, and Duncan Down in Whitstable, for the third time, have both scooped the prestigious award.

Judges assessed how welcoming the parks were, how healthy, safe and secure, their cleanliness and maintenance, and the sustainability, conservation and heritage, community involvement, marketing and management of each.

Canterbury council say the awards are due to the regeneration and economic development department working with other organisations to manage the parks, in Reculver's case, the Kent Wildlife Trust, and at Duncan Down, the Friends of Duncan Down.

Man jailed for PC punch

A HOMELESS man has been sent to prison for 80 days after punching a police officer in the face in a Canterbury park.

PC Angela Burgess, a member of the city's neighbourhood team, found Derek Wells, 42, of no fixed address, with open beer cans in Westgate Gardens at lunchtime on July 3.

Under Alcohol Control Area conditions allowing an officer to remove alcohol if it is felt it will lead to anti-social behaviour, Wells was asked to put the cans in the bin.

As he was doing so he turned round and punched the officer, breaking her glasses and bruising her face.

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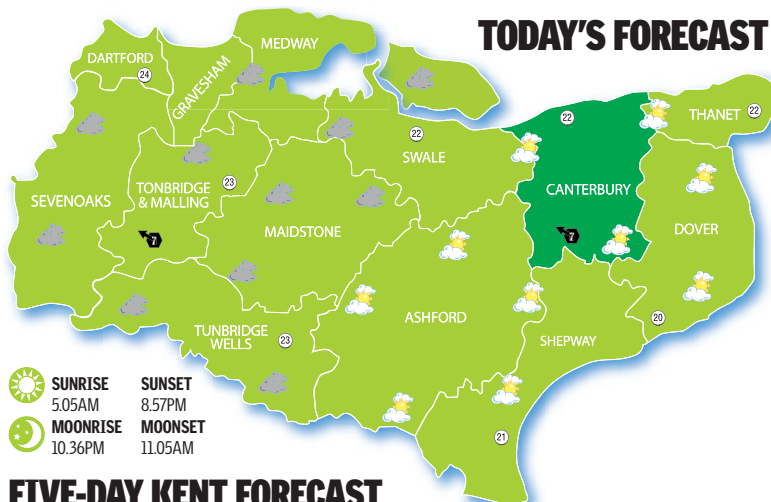
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| | Sunday | 6:00am | 5.5m |
| Dover | Saturday | 3:42pm | 6.4m |
| | Sunday | 4:28pm | 6.3m |
| Dungeness | Saturday | 3:38pm | 7.5m |
| | Sunday | 4:25pm | 7.3m |
| Ramsgate | Saturday | 4:12pm | 4.9m |
| | Sunday | 4:58pm | 4.8m |
| Sheerness | Saturday | 5:11pm | 5.5m |
| | Sunday | 5:53pm | 5.4m |
| Whitstable | Saturday | 5:04pm | 5.2m |
| | Sunday | 5:50pm | 5.0m |



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HACKED OFF: Trees were cut down near St Augustine's Road

Residents' fury over rail firm tree cutting

PEOPLE living next to a railway line were shocked last week when workmen with power tools began cutting down trees near the track. Householders in St Augustine's Road and Stanmore Court complained after a team set to work on the trees which shield their homes from the railway line.

The foliage, some of which was more than five-metres high, provided a screen between two residential areas, either side of the line.

Residents on either side are angry because they can now look across the into each other's houses and gardens.

Sheila Kurowska, of St Augustine's Road, said: "It is vital we preserve as mature trees and that communities have a say in this sort of work. Network Rail failed to consult with people."

A Network Rail spokesperson said: "Some residents in St Augustine's Road did not receive a letter from our contractor due to a technical error. We apologise for the concern this may have raised."

But it soon became clear to the rail maintenance company that residents should have been consulted and the company which looks after the track backed down.

Network Rail planned to clear vegetation on both sides of the track, but once locals became aware of the works, an emergency meeting was held between contractors, a councillor and Network Rail.

After the talks, the railway company agreed not to remove trees on the border between railway land and gardens.

The spokesperson said: "Where it is possible to leave trees that do not pose a safety or operational risk to the railways, we will do so."

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FROG MORRIS



Q Tell us about yourself

A I am an artist, poet, performer and the curator of a weekend of live performances at Whitstable Biennale on June 28 and 29. Visit www.frogmorris.net to find out more.

Q What were the highlights of the Biennale for you this year?

A Last year I went to Venice Biennale, it was enormous, and I had to walk past so much boring art to find the good bits. At this year's Whitstable Biennale everything I saw was a highlight in one way or another. Everything was good, from the big commissioned work by established artists, such as Ryan Gander's animation, though to all the crazy satellite projects that people organised themselves, such as Knitstable. I was really proud to be a part of it.

Kim Noble's performance was one of my favourite moments. She rode up Whitstable beach on a jet ski dressed in an amphibian costume and waded up to an unsuspecting family and presented them with a brand-new electric toaster.

I also enjoyed meeting The Man From Above. He set up a scaffolding tower on the beach and explained to passers by that they should embrace climate change and prepare platforms to live on above the rising sea levels. He also offered advice on buying wetsuits and eating more fish.

Other memorable moments included Das Schimmel attempting to invade Whitstable Castle and also Charlotte Young's guided tour, which took in some usual points of interest around the town. And, of course, I couldn't

believe how many people turned up and joined in for Lee Campbell's re-enactment of the opening titles from Reginald Perrin.

On Saturday night we had a cabaret in the Smack Inn with body beat boxing by Leigh Clarke, music by Victor Mount and spiritual healing with Princess Penang. We also had a drag act to comper, Brian Dawn Chalkley, who was a little nervous when she arrived because as she didn't see many other people who looked like they might enjoy cross-dressing in Whitstable, but she was made to feel most welcome. It was very touching.

We rounded the weekend off with a special pub quiz night with no right or wrong answers on Sunday evening. We finished with a bit of a sing-along with musician Daren Callow. We taught everyone a song about an Angry Badger.

Q Not many similarly sized towns have such a vibrant arts scene. What is special about Whitstable?

A Whitstable is such a lovely town with a wonderful seafront and there is so much nice food and fine ale. It is not hard to convince artists to spend time there.

Q What do contemporary arts have to offer people?

A Artist Kim Noble offered people electric toasters. It seemed like such a useful gift but not everyone seemed to understand.

Sometimes people are a little confused when they first see a work of art. If it's good it will stimulate people's brains in one way or another, even if it is to articulate their dislikes. Many people who spoke to The Man From Above

were bemused by his plan to flood Whitstable but he was also asking people important questions about how they are going to deal with climate change.

Q How important do you think events like the Biennale are to Whitstable, and to society as a whole?

A Nobody really gets rich from projects like Whitstable Biennale, there must be some other reason all these people want to do it and to get involved. I am glad people are being supported in doing something they want to do. I am glad festivals can happen without charging £150 a ticket and getting sponsored by some awful tasting lager.

Q What are your plans for the future?

A I run a regular night in a pub in London called the Montague Arms (it's just by the turn off for the A2 in New Cross). We do a contemporary variety show on the second Thursday of every month with music, comedy and performance art. This week we are doing a Ladies Night, but not with naughty strippers. There will be performance by some respectable young lady artists. Gentlemen are welcome.

Q Tell us something about you not many people know.

A I first started performing and organising art events because of a silly art student joke made during a lecture at KIAD in Canterbury in 2001. It's funny how one thing leads to another.

Gareth Arnold talks to artist Frog Morris about Whitstable Biennale, pub quizzes with no right or wrong answers, and electric toasters from the deep.

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Drug arrests rise after dealers are targeted

BY NICK AMES

CRIME across the county has dropped by 10.3 per cent in the last year, according to the latest statistics.

A total of 15,133 fewer offences were committed between April, last year, and this March, compared with the previous year.

But the same figures revealed an rise of 18 per cent in offences relating to drugs.

Reductions were seen in the areas of violent crime, criminal damage, burglary and vehicle crime.

Police say the rise in drugs offences is a result of the work undertaken to destroy networks.

The force said the total of 3,524 recorded drugs offences – up 548 on 2007 – was because of officers' success in destroying supply networks.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beauridge called the latest figures "good news".

He said: "It is encouraging that the number of crimes being committed continues to fall even now and we will work hard to continue to improve the reductions we've seen in the last year."

Police said across the county the chances of being a victim of crime are decreasing, with 80 offences to every 1,000 persons.

This figure is higher than in the neighbouring county of Surrey, but police have stressed a "like for like" comparison is not appropriate as Kent has more areas of deprivation.

Mr Beauridge said: "The commitment of Kent Police, our officers and staff, and the help we receive from the public have all contributed towards this excellent achievement in tackling and reducing crime."

"Our neighbourhood policing teams have formed close relationships with the communities they are protecting and serving, enabling officers to deal with local crime issues more easily."

He added that the increase in reported drug offences was a reflection of the good work of officers in this area.



HARD KNOCKS: A police officer forces open a door during a raid targeting the class A drugs network in Maidstone

"Context must be applied here, as this shows we are targeting drug dealers," he said.

"No one wants to see dealers in the midst of a community, selling drugs to children. If we are

contacted by concerned people we will act to combat this menace. My message to the drug dealers is: watch out. We will come after you and you will end up in prison."

KCC defends Zimbabwe shares link

THE Green Party has accused Kent County Council of supporting Robert Mugabe's "despotic" regime in Zimbabwe.

The party claims KCC has more than a £100 million in shares in companies which have some involvement with the troubled African state. They say the authority has ignored calls for an ethical investment policy.

The Greens say KCC has £109.5 million invested in companies they claim have links with Zimbabwe.

These are mining groups Anglo American and Rio Tinto, oil giants BP and Shell and banks Standard Chartered and Barclays.

Spokesman Stuart Jeffrey said: "The Mugabe regime has been condemned by all the major parties in the UK, yet county councillors refuse to consider the effects of their inaction."

"Councillors should be called to account for their part in supporting unethical investments in the face of almost universal condemnation."

"David Cameron has called for his party to examine its morals when it comes to investing, yet both Tory and Lib Dem councillors are prepared to maintain investments."

A KCC spokesman said: "The council is responsible for the management of the £2.6billion Kent pension fund. The fund covers about 200 public sector employers in the county and has about 40,000 scheme members and another 40,000 pensioners."

"The fund committee has to get the best returns it can, otherwise the burden of the costs of pensions could fall on taxpayers. We leave decisions about which companies to invest in to investment managers as we need to maximise our returns and hold the managers accountable for their performance."

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Hook up with a book for the Kent Year of Reading

■ BY FAITH RIDING

'LIFE is so much better when you read' – an enduring message and one that is at the heart of the 2008 Kent Year of Reading – the county's contribution to the national campaign.

Designed to boost literacy levels and encourage everyone to make reading part of their daily lives, the year-long programme was launched at County Hall in Maidstone in April.

School children joined Kent County Council cabinet members on a sofa, a bed and deckchairs for a morning of storytelling, to help illustrate great places to read.

Getting as many people as possible involved in the campaign has been made easier thanks to a broad programme of events in the county libraries.

There was a 'Living Library' in Sevenoaks – one of only four nationwide – which allowed customers to borrow people from different professions and walks of life for a conversation, and a 'Library in the Park' in Dartford which opened on July 1 so that books could be browsed and borrowed in the great outdoors.

Inspiration

Other activities have included incentive schemes to encourage reading, author talks and a song writing competition in Dover – reinforcing the message that the skill of reading is vital in all aspects of life including music.

More activities are planned – the most immediate is this year's Reading Challenge which has an Olympic theme and encourages young people to spend some of the long summer break with their noses in books.

The campaign has also been the inspiration behind the Kent Story – county council leader Paul Carter penned an opening chapter for 12 books, one for each district, which are travelling from school to school with pupils writing their



BOOKS FOR ALL: These children joined in the fun for an initiative designed to encourage us all to enjoy the written word

own contribution to continue the tales.

The project is being guided by the imaginations of the county's young writers and artists and the finished books will be put on display at County Hall and then in libraries across the county.

Work is also going on with prison inmates, young offenders and adult learners – with a focus on how improved literacy levels can open doors and radically change prospects at work and at home.

"At the heart of all this activity is the determination to change people's attitudes to reading, particularly among those who don't consider it important or relevant to their lives," says strategic manager Gill Bromley, who is leading the project.

"The Kent Year of Reading is not just about events – although these are a wonderful way to encourage the community to get involved.

"Our main aim is to target those people for whom reading presents a challenge or isn't that important.

Vital

"The best way to change this mindset is to encourage and promote the idea that literacy can help in so many aspects of life – it's not just about settling down with a novel – but vital for surfing the net, applying for a passport or even reading the instructions on the microwave."

What about 2009 and beyond – will all this activity just stop? "Absolutely not," says Ms Bromley. "The most important thing for us will be to establish the Kent Year of Reading's legacy and ensure that this commitment to improving literacy levels and generating reading passion continues. Every year should be a Year of Reading."

Officers to lead way with e-life initiative

A LEADERSHIP Academy has been launched by Kent police to develop the abilities of all officers – from police community support officers to area commanders.

It will record each participant's developing abilities on the force's internal internet – giving officers an "e-life" of how they are getting on in the training programmes.

The academy was set up at the request of Chief Constable Michael Fuller, at the force headquarters in Maidstone, to spot and develop leadership talent and, ultimately, achieve higher standards of performance.

The academy training is being tailored specifically to Kent's needs.

This includes live simulation training to test leadership and decision-making skills in a range of scenarios and critical incident situations.

Participants update their "e-life" regularly to show how their approach to their day-to-day work has benefited.

Mr Fuller said: "Leadership is important at every level in the force.

"We look to select leaders who inspire, motivate, set standards, support their staff and recognise good work.

"This is why I was keen to invest in ensuring we have skilled and talented leaders for the future.

"I believe, through an innovative approach to training that includes live simulation of a range of scenarios our leaders could encounter, we will continue to improve our performance.

"The feedback from those who have already taken part in the programme has been resoundingly positive."

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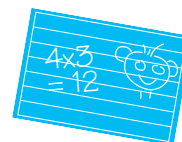
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Cherry on the cake for girls' athletics teams



VICTORIOUS: Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School athletics teams, with their teacher Ms Creaney, and senior team captain Emily Hosker-Thornhill, celebrate their season's successes

ATHLETES from Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School are celebrating a victorious season after winning both the district athletics championships and the district relay championships.

At the district championships, the junior team came first or second in almost every event entered with the senior team finishing in the top three for each event.

Year ten pupil Emily Hosker-Thornhill, who has captained and nurtured the team in her final year of athletics at the school, and performed in every race available, said: "Nothing else could be asked for from the Langton girls.

"I am extremely proud of my team and what they have achieved this year. The team all performed to the best of standards and showed other schools what athletics was really about."

Individual success stories included Gina Bates, who came first in triple jump, with a

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

jump of over 9m, Pearl Ford who was second in the 100m and achieved a personal best time, Sophie Montgomery who won the high jump, and Rachel Burton and Caitlin Dock who performed consistently well throughout the season in the 1,500m and 200m respectively.

In the relay championships, the girls won seven out of their eight races, and the senior 4x100m team have yet to be beaten this season.

Miss Hosker-Thornhill said: "They really put their heart and souls into it. Our athletics teacher, Ms Creaney, was incredibly supportive, once again, and never took her eye off the track and the race going on."

"The team train twice a week and always try their hardest. I think a celebration is now in hand."

"This season was a huge success and winning the district relay championships was the cherry on the cake."

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BREAK TIME

Artwork honour for sixth-formers

HUNDREDS of bishops will view artwork by St Edmund's School sixth-formers which is being shown at the Lambeth Conference.

The once-a-decade event is taking place at the University of Kent campus until August 3, and is attended by close to 700 bishops and spouses.

Featuring ten pieces by eight pupils, the exhibition is a selection of A-level artwork in a variety of styles including photomontage, digital photography, oil painting and mixed media.

Canon Brian Chalmers, chairman of the Canterbury Liaison Committee for the



Lambeth Conference 2008, approached the school with the idea of providing a sample of work.

Headmaster Jeremy Gladwin said: "We are delighted to have the opportunity to exhibit the high quality of our pupils' artwork at a prestigious event such as the Lambeth Conference."

The pupils whose work is on display are: Hugo Nation, Josh Saunders, Louise Thompson, Sophie Bacon from Canterbury, Clemmie Elias from Ash, Ena Naseem from Sri Lanka and brother and sister Freddie and Charlotte (pictured) Pack from Romney Marsh.

Limo and bubbly at end of course



THIS happy bunch from Canterbury College floristry department arranged a special celebration to mark the completion of their course last week.

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Cheer up, it might never happen. Summer, that is

SEASONAL Affective Disorder, you may remember, was the affliction of choice a few years back.

It was the reason, we were told, so many of us feel glum during the winter months. A lack of bright light apparently turns some of us a little blue.

It's a catchy little title for what many would consider simply our natural reaction to cold dark nights and, well, cold dark days.

Few of us manage to raise much of a smile, after all, when we wake up to darkness, endure a day of darkness in the office, then make the jaunt home by the power of moonlight. Assuming, of course, it's not cloudy. Which it normally is.

We don't even get a bit of snow any more to lighten the mood and give us all a couple of extra days at home snuggling under the duvet, popping out to build the obligatory snowman and chuck a few icy snowballs in some poor unfortunate's direction.

But by April, in theory, the gloom lifts and so do your spirits. So imagine how frustrating

2008 must be for those with a penchant for a dose of SAD every year. No sooner does the sun poke its warm little head out from behind a cloud than everything else goes to pot.

You may well have been saving during those rainy days for a bit of a summer splurge, but instead that cash is now going on a splash of petrol.

We hardly need reminding that petrol prices have rocketed faster than Lewis Hamilton out of the pits, or that fuel bills are hotting up to an overdraft-nudging level.

And while the housing market belly flops like a sumo wrestler plummeting from a ten-storey building, there isn't much to put that smile on the face of the SAD sufferer.

Which is a shame, because summers are supposed to be one long, hot affair, where we all don flip-flops for three months and laugh at work colleagues who forgot the sun cream and impersonate tomatoes for the duration.

It was always going to be a bit glum, too, given the weather forecast. Warm and wet is not a heart-warmer. And so it has proved. If the summer keeps plodding along as it has so

far, then no doubt floods will be sweeping in come September.

So we all need a bit of cheering up. But how?

Well, there's some good news for those who can still afford to run a car and commute to work on our roads. Because as of this week, the school holidays kick in which means everyone will spend the next few weeks getting to work 15 minutes earlier on account of the lack of traffic.

And if you get to work early you can cram in some quality creeping to the boss, which will enhance your job prospects and ensure that when you get turned down for a pay rise due to the economy, they'll at least break the news to you nicely, rather than a cursory email telling you "don't even think about it".

So if you do suffer from SAD, at least you'll only be swapping the gloom of summer for the gloom of winter, so you might not notice the difference. Something to smile about, surely?

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TALK TIME

CHRIS WALKER

The 21-year-old musician talks about his experience of the Canterbury job market



What is your ideal job?

I would like to create and distribute my music. I don't want to be famous, but I want to be a well-known musician.

What jobs have you done since leaving college?

I've worked in a call centre, in a ski shop and in the Royal Mail sorting office. I've also been tomato picking, done baggage handling at Dover cruise terminal, worked in the Post Office and done pub work - a bit of everything.

Do you find it difficult to get work in the city?

You do have to apply for a lot of positions. I have found it difficult in the past. It is difficult to get a job that you want and enjoy, although I can be picky, which makes it quite difficult.

Is it hard for young people to get jobs they want in Canterbury?

Sometimes you can get a job straight away and other times you apply absolutely everywhere and don't get any response. It depends on how you assert yourself.

Does the job market match expectations?

There is a variety of avenues you can go down in Canterbury, but there should be more career paths available rather than temporary work, shop work and things like that. I suppose it all depends on your education. If you home in on a specialist profession you are more likely to be able to have a career path.

YOUR LETTERS



DAB comment just doesn't sound right

Further to the story about digital radio (Why we'll still be going radio ga ga, Yourcanterbury, July 16), I would like to raise an issue with one of the comments.

Paul Nicholson, of the East Kent Radio Society, said: "It is similar to the changeover to digital television. At the moment we are all suffering poor performance because of the space that the original analogue transmitters take up."

This cannot be right for DAB - it uses frequencies that are clear - in Band III.

John Pinniger
comments left on
www.yourcanterbury.co.uk

Why sell radios if reception is poor?

The digital radio issue is an interesting one and something that has always intrigued me.

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selling them in this area when the reception is so poor?
I live in Whitstable and

snapped one up recently in Tesco. Yet, when I got it home - and I live in the centre of the town - I

was able to get about five stations - and none of the ones I wanted. Given that my primary purpose was to be able to listen to BBC Radio 5 in decent quality rather than rely on medium wave reception, that I was not even able to receive that left me feeling rather short-changed.

Of course, there was nothing wrong with the radio itself, so it was £50 practically wasted.

Surely it is time to take the sets off the shelves until the reception here is suitably boosted.

T Hunt
By email

Remarkable victory for the Lib Dems

The Liberal Democrats' victory in the recent Barton by-election was decisive.

It was the best result here since the Tories were in power nationally - and deeply unpopular - in the run-up to their massive defeat in 1997.

A ward which has often seen knife-edge recounts produced a comfortable Lib Dem victory at a time when the national swing massively favours the Tories.

This fantastic result was brought about by a great team effort and clear anger over council policies. Time after time on the doorstep we heard from local people about their real concerns on overdevelopment, loss of open space, destruction of trees, global warming and the reduction of funding to local organisations.

The result itself, which saw Lib Dem Michael Steed take 51.8 per cent of the vote compared with Tory Mark Evans' 36.6 per cent, represented a swing to the Lib Dems of 13.8 per cent compared with the last Barton by-election in 2004, and a swing of 9.3 per cent compared with last year's full council elections.

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Clir Alex Perkins
Wincheap

At the sharp end of a brutalised culture

As our Government endlessly struggles to find workable solutions to the knife crime epidemic, it makes one wonder why the blatantly obvious hasn't dawned on them yet.

What is the point on the one hand of politicians saying that carrying a bladed weapon is never acceptable in a civilised society and on the other allowing all manner of audio and visual material a legal permit for broadcast and retail?

It really is astonishing. You only have to walk into your local HMV, Zavvi or Game to discover the gigantic array of violent films, music and computer games on sale. There's absolutely stacks of the stuff.

When a person becomes bored with yet another knife-wielding serial-killer movie, they can switch on their PlayStation 3 instead and actually play the part of a psychotic killer slashing their way through countless unsuspecting, unarmed virtual victims.

Then, for a bit of light relief, it's time for some gangsta rap, with lyrics glorifying the financial

benefits to be gained from armed robbery. Because there's a market for it, all this mind poison has been given sales permission by our money-obsessed, blinkered Government.

There appears to be no restrictions on anything if it's an asset to Britain's booming economy.

The point is, it's impossible to expect the population of a country to exist like benevolent pacifists if they are constantly being bombarded by images of brutality and words enticing them to commit acts of extreme violence.

Until MPs accept that we urgently need tougher sales and broadcasting restrictions, we can expect to see knife attacks continue their incremental rise.

Clive Wilkins-Oppler
Canterbury

Help a Heart support was magnificent

I am writing to thank all your readers who helped to make the British Heart Foundation's Help a Heart campaign a success in June.

So many people supported the campaign by digging deep and donating to our UK-wide house-to-house collections, buying a heart button from their local BHF shop or raising funds in their own way, that we are well on our way to raising our target of £1.5 million.

We are also extremely thankful to those people who gave their time for free, by volunteering to distribute and gather collection envelopes or helping out with events and other fundraising activities.

The money your community

raised throughout the Help a Heart campaign will help the BHF continue to fund vital heart research to save and improve lives. It is only with your support that we can beat heart disease together.

If people would still like to donate to help a heart, they can visit bhf.org.uk/helpaheart or call 01892 890002.

Kim Brophy
BHF volunteer
fundraising manager

Politicians: stop living off the public

MPs and MEPs abuse their position and make us poor in order to get fully-furnished second homes and other jollies at our expense.

It is surely time they paid for their own comfort. They are after all, ordinary working folk who take a reasonable salary for their job.

Ann Widdecombe was heard on radio recently saying that people do not expect MPs to live in unfurnished bedsits in outer suburbs.

But why not let Derek Conwy and all of them keep in touch and live in less salubrious conditions to remind them what the rest of the population has to put up with?

From my experience politicians are thick, insensitive and manipulative – it goes with the territory.

We can choose estate agents, change banks and avoid dodgy garages but how can we dump lousy MPs who disgrace themselves?

Rita Grootendorst
By email

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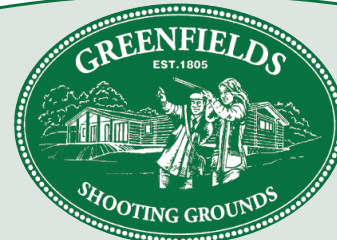
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Family tough it to the top



HOT ACT: The Cherryholmes and Elizabeth Cook (inset) perform bluegrass and country at the Zebra Bar

FROM dodging bullets to scoring hits, the Cherryholmes family have truly triumphed over adversity.

This unlikely-looking group are one of the hottest acts on the American bluegrass scene, blowing audiences away with their talent.

Their first album to be released on a record label reached number three in the Billboard bluegrass chart and earned them a Grammy nomination, but just nine years ago half their members had never even picked up an instrument.

It was a terrible tragedy which prompted parents Jere and Sandy Lee to bring music into the family's lives.

In 1999 their oldest daughter Shelly died from chronic heart problems, aged just 20.

It was a dreadful time, not helped by the fact that the family were living in a tough Los Angeles neighbourhood.

The children frequently had to do their homework while crouched between their beds because of the threat of drive-by shootings, so a trip to a bluegrass festival provided the chance briefly to escape their prob-

lems and their grief. It was their first exposure to a genre which seemed completely alien, given their background, but the experience inspired Jere and Sandy to incorporate music in their children's home schooling.

It became a core part of their studies, which then developed into hours of playing together every night.

The children were aged between six and 15 at the time, but less than six months later the family were performing professionally.

Eldest daughter Cia Leigh began learning the guitar at the age of 15 but switched to the banjo, which she plays with outstanding power, and she is also a gifted singer.

Her brother BJ picked up a fiddle for the first time at 11 and is compared to some of the finest fiddlers in the business.

Skip is an excellent guitar picker with an aggressive rhythm style and left-handed Molly Kate plays fiddle, sings and writes songs to an astonishing level. Jere plays upright bass and sings, while Sandy Lee's mandolin, banjo and yodelling are real crowd pleasers.

The family spend about 300 days a year on the road, bunking in the bus and sharing passenger duty as Jere

drives through the night.

They self-released three albums before being signed to Skaggs Family Records and have toured internationally, as well as being regulars at the historic Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

They will be stopping off in Maidstone on their way to headline the Cambridge Folk Festival.

Cherryholmes will be joined on the bill by Elizabeth Cook, who is described as "a bona fide country singer". A true traditional singer in the style of Loretta Lynn or Connie Smith, she appeared at the Grand Ole Opry more than 100 times before releasing her acclaimed debut album, *Hey Y'all*.

She is a talented singer, having co-written nine of the 11 tracks on her latest album *Balls* – including the brash anthem *Sometimes It Takes Balls To Be A Woman*.

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Magnificent seven are ready to rock all day

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

FROM ska to screamo, the eclectic line-up of this year's Don8tion all-dayer brings together seven of the best bands Kent has to offer.

The popular charity event, now in its fourth year, is held each summer at the Wyvern Hall in Sittingbourne, a 500-capacity venue with the space for bands and fans to really let rip.

This year's concert – organised to raise money for Demelza children's hospice – is headlined by Folkestone's superlative ska/punk outfit, Battleska Galactica.

The eight-piece are fresh from a successful slot at the ill-fated Zoo8 festival, packing the marquee when they performed on the Friday.

They already have several critically acclaimed releases, including 2005's *Songs from the Crypt*, and a new album, *If Found Please Return To...* will be on sale later this year.

Preceding Battleska are Medway rockers Saturday Superhouse, who wowed the audience at last year's Don8tion with their highly polished set. Energetic punk band Los Salvadores will also be bringing their impressive sound to the stage, as well as Sheppey screamo band The Rodeo Plan, and Maidstone indie kids Directions.

Opening the night are No Room For Growth, a young and talented Sittingbourne ska band. They will be followed by Sheppey hard rock



INTO BATTLE: Guitarist Stewart Cork performing with Battleska Galactica. Also on the Don8tion bill are Los Salvadores, left, and five other top Kent bands



outfit Wires Faulty. Don8tion is organised by Los Salvadores guitarist Marf Whiskin, and promoter Jade Wilson. Both say this year will be the best yet. Marf said: "The

line-up is the best we've ever had. Every band on there was picked because they put on a great show and have worked hard to build a following.

"And everyone – including Vic Wintergreen from DefZone who is doing the sound – has agreed to do it for free, so we can give more money than ever to Demelza."

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Jade said: "This is going to be an amazing gig. It's such a strong line-up."

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It will showcase the latest in stylish bathroom fixtures and fittings, crafted wall-hung basins and stone shower trays, vanity units and working displays such as showers and a whirlpool bath.

New city skincare shop is naturally appealing

A NEW natural skincare emporium opens for business in The Kings Mile on August 1.

Ecorium at 38 Palace Street, Canterbury, has an emphasis firmly on providing an upmarket experience for any budget with environmentally-friendly products. Among its boasts is being the sole city stockist of Jo Wood Organics – a woman better known as the wife of Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie.

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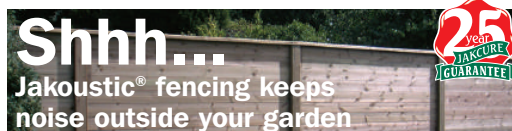
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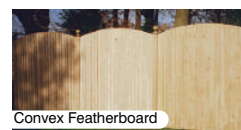
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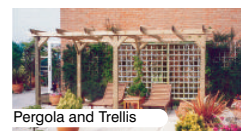


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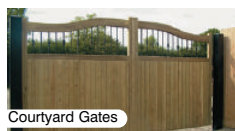


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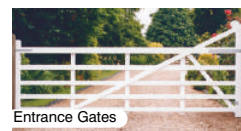


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YOUR TV REVIEW

BONEKICKERS
BBC One, 9pm, Tuesday
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BBC Two, 8.30pm, Monday

■ BY TOM BETTS

I'M not sure the world is ready for high definition television, especially with the drivel that is on 85 per cent of the time.

Although that's not an official figure, may I add.

When the technology has moved on so much that what's on your screen is almost a better than reality (I swear real life doesn't look this sharp!) I somehow expected the quality of what appears on the magic box to move ever upward too.

But still, while the crystal-clear images flood into our rooms we still have to endure the likes of Snog, Marry, Avoid? and Titty Titty Bang Bang.

Take Bonekickers, the BBC's latest effort at intrigue and mystery.

It looked like a belter on the trailers, but is so bad it actually makes me want to go out and do some of those hobby things that people keep yammering on about.

Here is a show seemingly cobbled together behind the bike sheds by a bunch of sixth formers during school break.

The producers were clearly aiming at a cross between Spooks and CSI with a wee hint of Indiana Jones thrown in for good measure, yet it comes across more like Time Team meets The Bill.

It's in the middle of a six episode run and I'll bet my remote control there won't be a second.

Around 6.8 million of you joined me for the first episode, so at least I can find some solace in the fact that I'm not alone in my suffering, but a huge



TASTY: Ching-He Huang is cooking up quite a stir on BBC Two with Chinese Food Made Easy

share of that number had jumped ship by episode two.

If this is the best we have to look forward to this summer then could be time to say "balls to the credit crunch, I'm off on holiday!"

There is a new woman in my life, who I would dearly love to accompany me on what I have christened the 2008 Bonekicker Avoidance Tour.

The name of the object of my affection is Ching-He Huang, beautiful, intelligent and able to whip up a mean egg foo yong.

Wok more could a man want?

I had promised myself I'd not waste any more time watching cookery shows (a strange addiction I have), especially as none of it ever translates to my own kitchen, but one look at Ching-He and that promise bit the dust faster than you could say year of the loser.

YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

DOING a job all by yourself isn't realistic. Call on the help of your colleagues. Acting like you don't need anyone else will alienate you from the group. It's important to consider the needs of a business or romantic partner. Letting this person wait on you will be a welcome change of pace.

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TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

DON'T convince you know more about a subject than you really do. It's better to hire a professional than attempt a complicated job yourself. A good friend could take you on a short trip. The two of you are opposites in many ways, which makes for good travelling companions.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

Daydreaming could undermine your job performance. It's important to check your work before submitting it or you could miss some embarrassing mistakes. Your star power will be especially strong, making this a great time to go on job interviews, auditions and first dates.

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SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

FOLLOWING the rules is overrated. Allow yourself a measure of freedom when tackling a big project. You could develop some exciting techniques by just playing around. You're about to assume a more public profile at work. People respond to your warmth and generosity.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

FORCING a friend to live up to an old promise will only torment them. Relax your standards and leave your pal free to have a good time. You may have to do more than your fair share of work, but it will be strangely gratifying. It feels good to have an outlet for your restless energy.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU may think you've got more money than you actually have. Review your budget carefully before buying something extravagant. Urgent messages could come pouring in this week. Check your mobile regularly or you could miss an important call. A job will involve unusual duties.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU may not realise what a friend really needs to thrive. If this person is intent on taking a risk, don't stand in their way. If you're not in a relationship, you could meet someone special at a party or social occasion. Keep your eyes open for an offbeat philanthropist.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

PUTTING too much emphasis on material things is getting in the way of a close relationship. You can't put a price on love. Encourage somebody to take a chance. You're too adventurous to cling to security for very long. A strange living arrangement works well for you.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

BE realistic about balancing home and work. You simply don't have enough time to do justice to both. Although lots of exciting opportunities exist on the career front, your nearest and dearest need care and attention. Unless you make time for fun, it will pass you right by.

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CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

PREOCCUPATION with your own needs could make you oblivious to those of other. Take care you don't forget an important date. Money will be more readily available than it has in the past few weeks. Someone could ask you to step in for an instructor who had to leave quite suddenly.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

TRYING to give orders to relatives will be as successful as herding a crowd of cats. It simply can't be done. Let everybody do their own thing for a change. It will save you lots of aggravation. Besides, you have better things to do with your time. You can't afford to let them down.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

Don't overanalyse a relationship. There are some gifts in life you just need to accept with open arms and a thankful heart. Your sex appeal is red hot. You could meet someone special. You're especially drawn to quiet, nurturing types, but you may have to do all the running.

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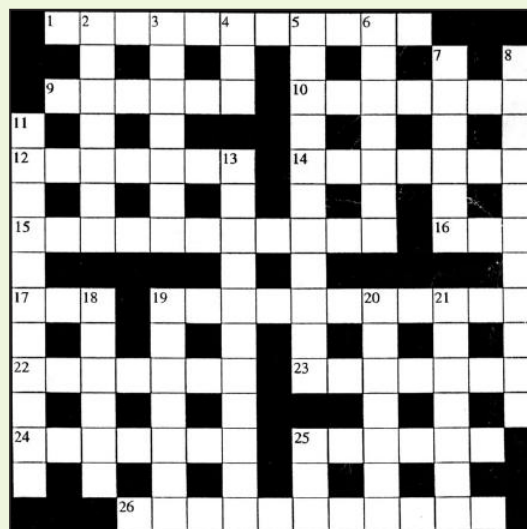
ACROSS

- 1 What is carried in here may be documented (7-4)
- 9 A maxim that is unprincipled (6)
- 10 Spoil important-sounding tent (7)
- 12 Highfliers chewing raw rice (7)
- 14 Vainest sort who's most ingenious (7)
- 15 Haggard mineowner (4,7)
- 16 For each of the shoppers included (3)
- 17 Born to one expecting inside (3)
- 19 Pointer on hand (5-6)
- 22 Yellow jeans I'm splashing (7)
- 23 Different layers on Sunday are not shining (7)
- 24 Young child is untruthful about deliberate understatement (7)
- 25 Rude fraction? (6)
- 26 Scholarly Scotsman found in RA (11)

DOWN

- 2 Small monkey had hat dodging rain (7)
- 3 Luminous atmospheric phenomena transforming our area (7)
- 4 Man hard on a novice (3)
- 5 Next crime could include me and machine with revolving drum (6,5)
- 6 Barns ie custom-built for one from Southern Europe (7)
- 7 Put up about one French female and start to perform in the band (4,2)
- 8 Character with journalists printed reading matter (11)
- 11 Two well-directed in rhyme (4,3,4)
- 13 We will be adorned wearing stylish clothes (4-7)
- 18 Hesitates at last character being substitute (6)
- 19 I had ten before end of August in charge, that's stupid (7)
- 20 Poem 99 is heavenly (7)
- 21 Most of bomb found on a West Indian island (7)
- 25 Six thousand having vigour (3)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Quarantined (2,9)
- 9 Sea-cow (6)
- 10 Japanese ornament (7)
- 12 Spectrum (7)
- 14 Imprecise (7)
- 15 Furry animal (7,4)
- 16 Longing (3)
- 17 Auto (3)
- 19 Stun (11)
- 22 Specialised in a particular subject (7)
- 23 To which (7)
- 24 Mislead (7)
- 25 Pincers (6)
- 26 Dimension (11)

DOWN

- 2 Cephalopod molluscs (7)
- 3 Entertainment industry (7)
- 4 Limb (3)
- 5 Painful inflammation in arm (6,5)
- 6 Exhaust (7)
- 7 Nauseous (6)
- 8 Objective (11)
- 11 Play only partly funny (11)
- 13 Capriciousness (11)
- 18 Discard (6)
- 19 Stealthy (7)
- 20 Metallic element (Re) (7)
- 21 Bevan, former MP (7)
- 25 Rap (anag.) (3)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

SUDOKU SOLUTIONS No45

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MEET DAVE (PG)



Dave Ming Chang (Eddie Murphy), newly arrived in New York City, may be the ultimate fish out of water. There's something about him that's not quite right – for starters, he seems remarkably out of place and uncomfortable in his own body. And for good reason: 'Dave' is not a man at all, but a ship made in the image of its miniature-sized captain.

DONKEY PUNCH (18)



When three girls decide to go on holiday to Spain, they expect the usual holiday of sun, sand and lots of nights out on the town. But when three guys tell them they have a boat and the girls are welcome to go out for a day, things take a terrifying turn for the worse when one of the girls dies and it becomes a fight for survival.

No more action man

BY ELLIE GENOWER

WHEN Jackie Chan first heard about the fantastical concept of his new movie *The Forbidden Kingdom*, he certainly had his doubts.

"I would never make this kind of film," he says, smiling. "For me, these kinds of films are ridiculous. It doesn't make sense. But the American audience, I think, is interested. So every time I make an American film, I trust the American writer and the American director."

The film sees New York young kung fu fan Jason Tripitakas (Michael Angarano) magically thrust into ancient China where he befriends wise kung fu master Lu Yan (Jackie Chan) and a warrior played by Jet Li. They team up to free the Monkey King, who has been imprisoned by the powerful Jade War Lord.

Jackie, who shot much of the movie on location in China, says: "This is just like a fantasy – a fairytale, but I made this movie because I know American culture and American people like it."

Despite Chan's initial reservations, he couldn't resist the chance to work with another famous Chinese movie fighter – Jet Li – either.

After years of trying to team up on film, Lee had almost given up on the idea of working with him by the time *Forbidden Kingdom* came along.

"I have always hoped to make movies with some people I really admire, like Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro, before I retire from this business," he says.

"Jet Li is someone whom I have wanted to work for more than ten years. Every time I see Jet we say, 'Let's do it!' This time it happened



GETTING HARDER: Jackie Chan says he wants to be a serious actor before he retires

because Casey [Silver] the producer was in the middle. Every ten days he would call and tell me Jet Li was happy with the script, before sending it to me.

"He was the one flying back and forth making the whole thing happen."

But far from being a battle of the egos between two movie martial arts legends, Lee says coordi-

nating fight scenes with Li felt comfortable.

"After the first cut, the director comes up and says 'Can you guys slow down?'" Lee says with a laugh.

"I want to show off quick and he wants to show off quick, but then we slowed down. It was fun. Fighting with him is very comfortable. I've fought so many different actors who just don't know

how to fight. It makes you hurt and it doesn't look good. And I think because I'm good, it makes him comfortable!"

However, Li is, at 45, almost ten years younger than Chan at 54. As the energetic and animated star grows older, it inevitably becomes harder to perform the big kung-fu stunts, he did so effortlessly on film at a younger age.

Hence one of the reasons Chan is trying to make the transition from kung fu movie star to serious actor.

"I think for the last six or five years, I've changed my style," he says, earnestly. "Right after the *Forbidden Kingdom*, I finished a movie called *The Shinjuku Incident*. It's maybe one per cent action. Heavy drama. The next one will be big action, then maybe a love story."

"I want to change. I want to be a real actor and not just an action star. An action star's film life is very short. Jackie Chan is a myth and I'm in survival right now."

"It's been more than 30 years, but how much longer can I keep fighting? This is why I have to change, change, change. I'm not like I used to be – I'm tired."



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Sea how Nausicaa's got even better

BY DAVID NICHOLAS

A MAJOR new development has opened up in the sealife centre Nausicaa, which is one of Boulogne's most popular tourist attractions.

As well as its collection of tropical fish, recreations of exotic nautical environments, sharks, sealions and penguins, the venue also has a new exhibition on the seas called The Sea - Live which has links to oceans across the world in real time as well as details of the environment and the people who live there.

My family and I went into the large auditorium for a glimpse of how tropical seas with their abundance of plant and marine life look and the problems they are facing.

Now open and in place for the next two years the focus is on Madagascar and the Mozambique Channel.

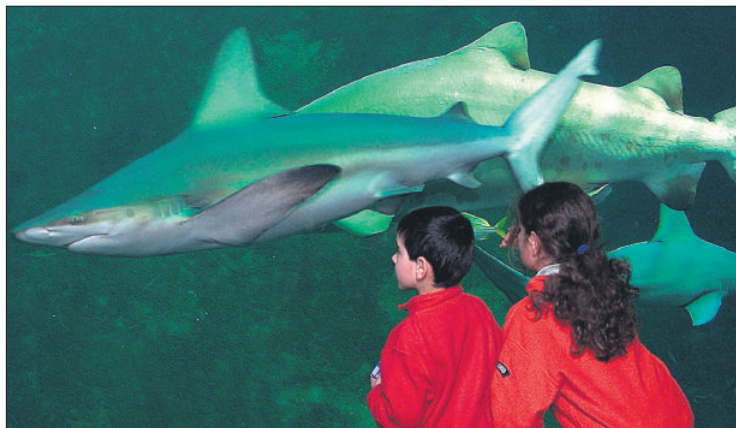
Audios and visuals give an account of the history and formation of the land and seascape.

The channel itself was formed 160 million years ago when a piece of land broke from the eastern side of Africa and formed the world's fourth largest island.

Located in the Indian Ocean, it has species quite distinct from elsewhere in the world.

The display also featured interviews with experts on the evolution of this unusual area, as well as the importance of it to the creatures which live in the sea.

Daily programmes can be modified to reflect conditions which exist in the area, bringing the imagery from this wonderful place completely



OCEAN WORLD: Sharks are among the creatures on view at Nausicaa in Boulogne - an easy, and superb, day trip

up to date. We learnt that the ecosystem in the area is particularly fragile, and the display emphasises the intriguing story of the coelacanth, thought to have been extinct since prehistoric times, but rediscovered in the last century.

An interview with a fisheries expert also explained how it is most effective to maintain the supplies and thus benefit the natural environment, as well as the fishermen and the people who live in the area.

Later, we took a simulated trip up a river estuary, and details of the land itself and its

rainforest were revealed.

Telescopes fixed to stakes in the sand enable pictures of fishing on the seabed to be transmitted and even locals' huts are included.

My family and I have always found Nausicaa a fantastic destination in its own right, but the fact that it's in France just adds to the feel that you really are on holiday - even when it's just a day trip.

Add in a classy on-site restaurant with glorious sea views, and you might just be on to one of the experiences of the year.

FACT FILE: FRANCE

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| Time difference | UK+1hr |
| Capital | Paris |
| Language | French |
| Population | 66.4 million |
| Currency | Euro (1.2 to £1 approx) |

Located directly opposite the Port of Boulogne along Boulevard Sainte Beuve, Nausicaa is open daily from September 1 to June 30 from 9.30am to 6.30pm and from July 1 to August 31 from 9.30am to 7.30pm.

Entry prices are 16.50 euros and 10.80 euros for adults and children respectively.

SpeedFerries operates up to five return sailings daily between Dover and Boulogne, with a crossing time of 50 minutes. One-way fares for a car and up to five passengers start from £27. Day returns from £25 for car and passengers.

P&O and SeaFrance sail between Dover and Calais (about 20 minutes from Boulogne), and Norfolk Line sails between Dover and Dunkerque (about 40 minutes from Boulogne).

For more information: Office de Tourisme: (00 333 21) 10 88 10, or alternatively you can visit www.tourisme-boulognesummer.com.



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Simon and Keeley of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the arrival of their daughter, Phoebe Rose, on 5th July 2008. A new sister for Lewis.

BARTLETT

Peony born on 11th July 2008, weighing 6lbs 11oz. Daughter to Robert and Alexandra Bartlett of Ashford. Sister to Isla and Levin.

BOALER

Rob and Jean from Herne Bay are celebrating the birth of their beautiful daughter born on 20th June 2008 at QEPM Mary-Louise, a little sister for Dulcie-Jean.

COTTON

Ayla Louise Cotton born on 1st July 2008, weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Louise Cotton and Gary Sumpter in Maidstone.

DAVISON

Evie Mai Davison born on 29th June 2008 weighing 7lbs 5oz. Daughter to Ian and Katherine Davison of Maidstone.

DHARMASENA

Mia born on 6th June 2008, weighing 2lbs and 5ozs. Daughter to Dharson Dharmasena and Donna Goldsmith. Doing really well - now weighing over 3lbs.

FITNESS

Ellie-May born on 5th July 2008 weighing 7lbs 4ozs. Daughter to Rochelle and Jim and little sister to Bradley, Tristan, Ruth and Karen.

FRANKS

Kevin and Solitaire are the proud parents of their new baby son, Stuart-James Kyrro Franks, born on 5th July 2008 weighing 6lb 10oz.

FULLMAN

Caroline Fullman and Simon Crossley are pleased to announce the birth of Erin Hazel on Thursday 3rd July 2008 at Canterbury Birthing Centre.

GASIAMIS

Marinos and Kerry are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Alexa Ageliki on 4th July 2008 weighing 7lb 4oz.

HALLIDAY

Paul and Zara are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Lily Karen born on 30th June 2008 at the William Harvey Hospital.

HAWKINS

Sandra and Wayne of Hythe celebrate the birth of their daughter Phoebe Louise Hawkins on 18th June 2008. Our little angel X X.

HOUGHTON-AYLING

Callum Peter born on 5th July 2008 in Maidstone, weighing 7lb 2oz. Son to Richard and Alison. Brother to Alana.

JACKSON

Isaac born four weeks early on 10th July 2008 in Darent Valley Hospital weighing 6lb 1oz. Son to Emily and Lee and baby brother to Dylan xx.

KING

Gary and Jodie of Canterbury are proud to announce the birth of their son, Max Peter King, on 2nd July 2008 weighing 7lb 11oz.

LAWSON

Simon and Kate of Dunks Green are delighted to announce

the birth of their son Edward David Lawson born 4th July 2008 weighing 6lb 5oz.

LYNE

Matthew and Anita of Whitstable proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Bethany Anna Lyne, on 28th June 2008.

MITCHELL

Ryan and Louise of Birchington celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Libby Cydney on 11th July 2008. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

MOORE

Kate and David Moore of East Malling celebrate the birth of their son Ewan Michael Moore born on 27th June 2008.

NELSON

Theo and Sam are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Esme Lily on 5th June 2008.

O'SHEA

John and Liz are delighted to announce the birth of their son Elliot Laurence on 6th June 2008, weighing 7lb 11oz. A baby brother for Jessica.

POWELL

Lee and Leigha Powell and Sarah Banks celebrate the birth of Melissa Chloe Powell on 5th July 2008 weighing 8lb 5oz.

RUSSELL

Rohan and Sarah celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby on 14th July 2008 weighing 8lbs 15ozs sister for Charlotte and Violet.

STONEMAN

Rhys John Stoneman born on 23rd June 2008 at 2:02am weighing 8lbs 12ozs. Happy parent are Carissa and Darren Stoneman.

WESTON

Gareth and Jo are delighted to announce the birth of their son Oliver William on 2nd July 2008 weighing 8lb 3oz. He was well worth the wait!

DEATHS

BENSON

Malcolm passed away on 10th July 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital. Goodbye and God Bless x.

GIBSON

Tom Gibson passed away on 14th July 2008. Enquiries to Palmers Funerals, Ramsgate 01843 592720.

JONES

Sue Jones passed away on 8th July 2008 after a brave fight against cancer. DAJ, family and friends will all miss your wonderful happy and smiling face. You never gave up hope. Funeral 22nd July at 11.15am St Martins Church. No black tie please. Flowers family only: donations to Kent Cancer Trust c/o Chittendens Folkestone.

SAUNDERS

Ellen Beatrice Saunders of Maidstone passed away peacefully after a short illness bravely borne on 14th July 2008, aged 82.

SKINNER

Susan Skinner nee Baker aged 54 years of Nettlestead passed away in her sleep on 12th July 2008. Funeral to take place at Nettlestead

Church at midday followed by Vinters Park Crematorium on 22nd July 2008. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Directors Barming. Any donations to the Macmillan Nurses.

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PROPERTY NEWS

Mortgage deals better with Abbey

A NEW revised fixed rate mortgage deal has been launched by the Abbey.

Those looking to take out mortgages are able to obtain two and three year fixed rates at up to 0.15 per cent less than previously offered.

Abbey's move is the latest in a series of recent changes by leaders in the market as a response to a fall in inter-bank lending costs.

Another company to cut back on rates recently was Woolwich which decreased fixed rates in some cases by up to 0.3 per cent.

Such developments within the property industry have been viewed as a sign that the cost of mortgages is on a small down turn despite the lack of movement in interest rates.

These have been held by the Bank of England in recent moves to stabilise the property market.

Recently forecasters working for the Royal Bank of Scotland predicted that the base rate will remain at five per cent for the rest of this year, with the possibility of movement in the first quarter of next year.

Agents confident of market turnaround

THE majority of estate agents across the UK are optimistic that house prices will be rising and the market buoyant a year from now.

A survey of the industry conducted by Abbey said that 61 per cent of respondents were confident the downturn would be over in the next 12 months.

And half of those contacted said they expected the time span to be just half that.

Abbey's head of mortgages Phil Cliff said: "Estate agents and homeowners believe that despite current movements in house prices we are unlikely to experience a really prolonged fall."

Predictions such as these help to stabilise a volatile market and increase confidence for both investors and sellers.

They are helped by banks lowering mortgage rates – which has taken place in some sectors of the business in the past few weeks.

In the latest figures available in the market June saw a two per cent fall in house prices – a decrease of the 2.5 per cent recorded for May.



CLEANING UP: The devastation caused by flooding to thousands of properties in recent years could get worse with predictions of more extreme weather conditions

Flood defence agreed

Insurance and long-term strategies will help protect owners

THE insurance industry and the Government have reached an agreement to ensure householders are able to obtain protection against flooding.

Both bodies have vowed to team up in a bid to protect properties at risk in a complementary way.

In recent years the county has seen serious flooding, particularly along the course of the River Medway.

Fears over global warming have also added to improved sea defences along Romney Marsh.

Other low-lying areas, such as Swale and other areas along the Thames Estuary, as well as Thanet, have also been cited as being at risk from waters.

According to insurers they will assess some

■ BY NICK AMES

properties at risk and the Government has promised to do more to protect housing from destructive waters.

Under the new agreement, insurers will guarantee to provide protection to any property deemed to have a risk of less than one in 75 from flood.

In return, the Government has committed itself to a long-term 25-year strategy to improve flood defences across the UK.

Environment Minister Phil Woolas said: "The insurance companies very reasonably said that it is necessary to have a long-term strategy – 25 years is the figure that we are going ahead with. We are looking at coastal flooding as well as river flooding and surface water flooding to ensure that the increased

investment that we have – and we have increased investment in flood defences quite substantially in this country – is sustained in the long term."

Mr Woolas said the Environment Agency should make use of new powers to block proposed developments at risk of flood and explained insurers were ready to offer improved premiums to householders who protect their homes against the risks.

He added: "What has changed is the climate change predictions the scientists are giving us; that the extreme weather conditions are going to increase in the decades to come. That requires a long-term strategy."

"It is something we have been negotiating with the insurance industry in some detail. They, quite understandably, want to have assurances that homes are protected and we, quite understandably, want to do that in any event."

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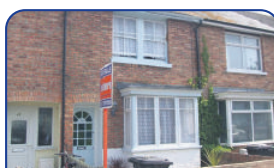
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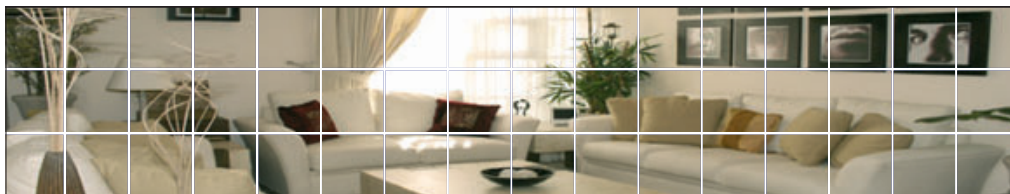
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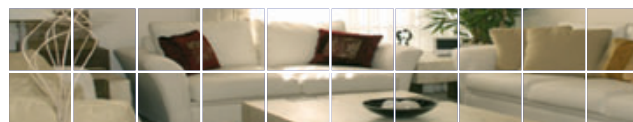


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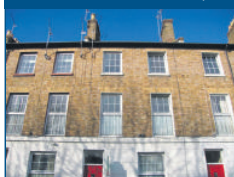
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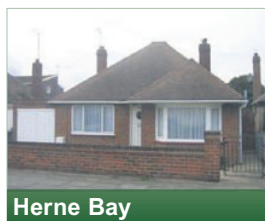
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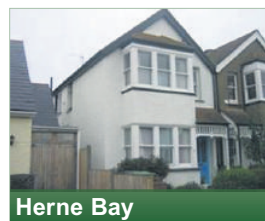
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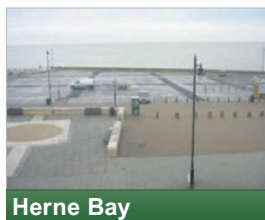
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Car show turned on by the power of electricity

DOORS open at the British International Motor Show in London today – the greenest show ever.

The event at the Excel centre runs until August 3 and includes 23 global debuts for new models.

But eco-friendly models like the all-electric zero-emission THINK city car (above) are also grabbing the limelight: the THINK offers a top speed of 65mph, range of 126 miles on a full charge, costs just £100 in electricity to cover 10,000 miles, needs no road tax and is 95 per cent recyclable.



Beamer is going more eco-friendly than ever

BMW's newly-revised 3-Series saloon, coupé, estate and convertible range is not only one of Britain's best-sellers in its class, but also one of the most eco.

Though you will be lucky to spot the makeover cosmetics, the line-up now boasts a greener engine range as well as 'EfficientDynamics' technology introduced previously to cut fuel waste and emissions.

Indeed, emissions are now so low on the economical 318d and top selling 320d diesel models that they almost qualify for the lowest £35/year road tax bracket.



Mitsubishi launch 'mini miser' special edition

ALREADY one of the best superminis for space, durability and value, the Mitsubishi Colt has a new Attivo special edition specifically for motorists looking to downsize from a bigger car.

It comes with sporty alloys and metallic paint plus competitive finance, but a frugal (51.4 mpg combined mode) yet pokey 74bhp 1.1-litre engine that partially justifies its 'Attivo' tag – it means 'energetic' and 'lively' in Italian.

The Attivo is priced at £7,999 for the three-door and £8,499 for the five-door.



THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS: Volkswagen has hedged its bets by launching two Tiguan: an everyday model and the harder 'Escape' intended for genuine off-roading

Slick Tiguan answering a need for greener 4x4s

ROAD TEST VW TIGUAN

BY STEVE LOADER

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OVERALL demand for 4x4s might be in the muck, but some are still squeaky clean.

The VW Tiguan is one that ticks most boxes for a modern-day SUV (sports utility vehicle): compact footprint, top-notch engines, excellent on-road ability and decent off-road powers too.

And VW hedged its bets by launching two Tiguan: an everyday model and the 'Escape' intended to allow owners to do just that.

It puts most other compact 'soft-roaders' in their place when the going gets tough, with a shorter front overhang – that improves the styling in my opinion – radiator and sump guards, plus a standard-fit 'off-road mode' that optimises hill descent control and other driver/mechanical aids.

But 'long nose' rather than Escape versions claim 95 per cent of Tiguan sales and usually in 2.0-litre diesel mid-range SE trim (£21,770 for 138bhp version) as tested here, though high diesel fuel prices make a strong case for the so-called 'twin charger' Tiguan, featuring a lightweight 148bhp 1.4-litre petrol engine with supercharger and turbocharger, allowing decent economy plus diesel style pulling power

and low emissions. It certainly makes the Tiguan feel nimble and knocks around £1,000 off prices for diesel equivalents.

Nevertheless, the 2.0-litre diesel is the consummate all-rounder: smooth, refined and powerful.

The Tiguan interior is typical VW, mixing robust quality, good ergonomics and stowage and fine seating. Space engineering is excellent so, despite being roughly the same size as key competitors, the car feels more spacious and has a decent boot plus lift-up tailgate and room for a spare wheel.

The car has a maximum five-star rating for occupant protection by Euro NCAP, plus four stars for child safety and two stars for pedestrian protection.

The Tiguan is also one of the best 'drives' in class. The ride is firmish, but the chassis ensures that a relatively high vehicle corners with a flat stance. With the low down pulling power of the test car's 2.0-litre diesel, the Tiguan can be pushed hard on a challenging road, aided by a precise six-speed gearbox allowing steady and quiet motorway cruising too.

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FORGIVE a whiff of smugness at your local Skoda dealer this week when the all-new Superb model arrives.

For this smart new model says a final goodbye to an era that lingered overlong – Skoda jokes.

Mickey-taking began in the late 1980s when the Czech brand's rear-engine Estelle began to look hopelessly obsolete against modern Western models such as the VW Golf and Ford Escort.

A favourite jibe was "How do you double the value of a Skoda? Fill the tank."

Skodas were cheap, spacious and rugged and extra traction gained from pairing engine and driving wheels at the back suited poor quality roads in the old Soviet empire, but the Estelle and its optimistically named Rapid sister delivered questionable handling on modern faster roads in the UK – as I found during a wet test drive in the late 1980s.

Nevertheless, reliability and a successful rally heritage inspired loyalty amongst a small band of owners and dealers such as Adamsons at Walmer, Deal, which is now reaping the rewards of sticking with the brand for some 30 years through thick and thin.

The thin was the Estelle. Proprietor Robbie Adamson admitted: "It had its funny ways, but it cost just £2,399 and came with two-and-a-half years' warranty – quite a deal for those days."

"Skoda is so different now though, since the takeover by VW. The little Fabia is our best-seller by far and the environmentally-friendly Greenline version is creating a lot of interest, while the Octavia is a fabulous option for business users."

But he added tomorrow's unveiling of the luxurious yet still affordable new Superb would complete the brand's transformation.

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Feeling smug at Skoda – but no jokes please



TEAM: Adamsons has a long-established commitment to Skoda says proprietor Robbie Adamson (fourth from left)

completely new model with dual-purpose load space access via a conventional bootlid that can also become a hatchback at the touch of a button.

Mr Adamson said it could satisfy those who liked hatchbacks for their ability to cope with big loads and those who preferred the 'executive' look of a booted saloon.



EVOLVING: Rear engine Estelle (above) spawned Skoda jokes ...but the all-new Superb (below) will end them once and for all



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C-MAX, 1.6TDCi Zetec 5dr, kn57lj, diesel, silver, 19500 miles, £10995, SMC Ford Gravesend, Gravesend, 0844 5762452 (TRADE)

ESCORT, 1.6 LXI [AC], 1997, insurance group 7 3 owners, partner bar black, 81000 miles, £1689, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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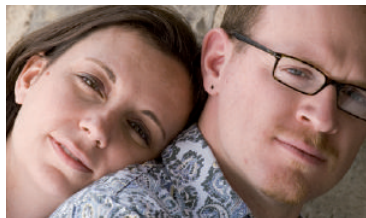
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Single Mum, 33, dark hair/blue eyes, medium build, enjoys pubs, cinemas, eating in/out, DVDs, concerts, WLTW honest, reliable male with GSOH to make me smile. Box 441195

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32, 5'9", brown hair, curly figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh, and WLTW nice, kind gent. Box 439402 **1**

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Single mum of 2, 32, WLTW someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whitstable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406070 **1**

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Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205 **1**

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Loving female, 52, 5'2", blonde hair, blue eyes, no ties, likes theatre, cinema, music, eating in or out, travel, seeks male, for friendship, possible romance. Box 189993 **1**

IN MY SIGHTS

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ATTRACTIVE

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TO BE WITH YOU

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REAL MAN

Honest, kind, caring male, 37, blonde, 6ft, enjoys walks, cinema, nights in/out, family life, WLTW like-minded, genuine female, Sarah, please call again, leave contact details! Box 430440 **1 2**

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I'm Stuart, 36, 6'6", short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437106 **1**

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Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 **1 2**

HI LADIES

I'm 38, 5'11", average build, like pubs, restaurants, cinema, quiet nights in with chocs and DVDs, seeking kind, happy female with GSOH, for honest relationship. Box 442056 **1**

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Darren, 39, fun loving, genuine, 5'8", medium build, average build, 25-45, for a LTR, no time wasters please. Box 442438 **1**

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Hi, I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889945 **1**

HOLD ME CLOSE

Attractive mixed race male, 41, 5'10", likes chatting and good company, looking for a friendly female 18-44, for a committed LTR. Box 889515 **1**

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JUST WANTING LOVE

I'm 42, medium build, 5'10", not fat! lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 440291 **1**

DOWN TO MARGATE!

Young-looking, slim male, 43yr old, 5'11", enjoys beach walks and cinema, WLTW a mature lady for a committed long term relationship. Box 441705 **1**

ROMANTIC AT HEART

Steve, 43, 5'7", brown hair, green eyes, loves country pubs/walks, cosy nights in, swimming, GSOH, N/S, seeks similar, loving lady. Medway Box 901155 **1 2**

BIG DEAL IN DEAL

Warm, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 **1**

WHY DON'T YOU?

Roy, 44, brown spiky hair, enjoys most things, looking for loving woman for friendship and more. Box 439593 **1**

HEART TO HEART

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HEART TO HEART

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College Information Services Manager

Salary: Circa £47,000 Ref: KS03

An opportunity has arisen for a CIS Manager who will be responsible for ensuring the timely and accurate production of information on student's and resources for internal decision-making, monitoring and external reporting. The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate excellent knowledge of Excel, Access and data manipulation skills. Applicants will hold a degree or professional qualification in a relevant area i.e. business, management or computing.

Closing date: Friday, 8 August 2008
Interviews: TBC

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 785 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and vulnerable adults and anyone applying for work with the College is expected to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

Mid-Kent College is an equal opportunities employer



Operating in the drug & alcohol and mental health sectors, KCA (UK) provides a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services for adults and young people.



REF: 483 CRIMINAL JUSTICE WORKER (YOS) DOVER, FOLKESTONE & ASHFORD 37 hours per week SCP 26 - 31 £21,412 - £25,320 (pay award pending) Essential Car User Allowance

KCA Young Persons' Service delivers specialist, young person-centred drug and alcohol services to those aged 10 - 17. It provides advice, information, support and prevention initiatives, ongoing casework and intensive interventions.

We have been commissioned since 2005 to provide substance misuse services to the Kent Youth Offending Service. This post will cover the Dover, Folkestone, and Ashford areas, offering assessment and ongoing casework to young offenders referred by the Young Offender Teams in those areas.

We are looking for an outgoing, self-motivated, committed person with a good knowledge of drug/alcohol issues, who can demonstrate the ability to work creatively and effectively with young offenders. Previous experience of working with young offenders is essential.

Previous applicants need not apply.

For application forms and further information, contact: KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT. Telephone 01795 590635, Fax 01795 593951, Email recruitment@kca.org.uk, www.kca.org.uk.

Closing Date: 25th July 2008
Interview Date: To be arranged

KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse.
Charity No: 292824



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Nacro is the principal crime reduction charity in England and Wales. It works to reduce crime by delivering a range of socially inclusive crime prevention initiatives by working for a fair and effective criminal justice system and by resettling offenders.

Nacro Operations in Kent offer vocational and skills training to young people aged 14-19 years and adult learners and those who wish to improve their literacy and numeracy. Our aim is to motivate, raise self-esteem and increase self confidence through effective training and skills development to progress our learners into education, training or employment.

As our provision extends we are looking for lively, self motivated individuals who enjoy the challenge of working with people of all ages but, in particular, young people.

We have the following vacancies:

SCHOOLS PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR

£21,984 (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

Our 14-16 year old programmes include Key stage 4 Engagement Programme (50/50) and Alternative Curriculum programmes for individual schools. Our programme objectives are to develop and encourage vocational and employability skills which enable young people to re-engage and make positive life choices.

We are looking to engage a highly motivated, organised individual who has empathy with this client group. The post holder will be required to co-ordinate the activities and take responsibility for the Nacro 14-16 year old Alternative Curriculum programmes across Kent and Medway. This post will suit someone who has a background in education and who is keen to ensure that all young people receive the education appropriate to their needs.

KEY SKILLS TRAINER (Maternity Cover)

£17,658 to £19,658 per Annum (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We work in partnership to deliver our successful Entry to Employment Programme (e2e). This programme is for young people aged 16 - 18 and requires an enthusiastic, lively, Creative individual to join our staff team. You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take opportunities offered to progress them into further education, training or employment. Experience in employer engagement would be desirable.

This position will be subject to an enhanced CRB check

KEY SKILLS TRAINER (Army Preparation Programme)

£17,658 to £19,658 per Annum (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We work in partnership to deliver our successful Entry to Employment Programme (e2e). This programme is for young people aged 16 - 18 and requires an enthusiastic, lively, Creative individual to join our staff team. You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take opportunities offered to progress them into further education, training or employment. Experience in employer engagement would be desirable.

This position will be subject to an enhanced CRB check.

TRAINER (Schools Programmes)

£17,658 to £19,658 (inc. Labour Market Uplift)

We hold the contract to deliver the 50/50 element of the Key Stage 4 Engagement Programme and work in partnership with schools and Local Education Authority to re-engage Key Stage 4 Learners.

You will be experienced in using imaginative new techniques to encourage young people to take up vocational and work related opportunities offered to them through the programme and have an interest in teaching a variety of subjects to young people. Experience of working with challenging behaviour would be an advantage.

This position will be subject to an enhanced CRB check.

SWITCH ON PROJECT MANAGER

£24,535 per annum

Nacro has been awarded an ESF contract to deliver a project for 14-16 year olds across Kent and Medway and Sussex. The project (called Switch On) aims to assist young people's transition into employment and training. You should have experience of managing successful ESF projects, the ability to develop provision and a track record of successful engagement with 14-16 year olds and other stakeholders. Working closely with the Area Manager for Kent and Nacro's Regional Performance team, you will also need to work with partner organisations to ensure the project is effective across the whole area. The post will be based in either Kent and Medway or the Brighton area, is dependent on ESF funding and is currently until 2010.

Please note that this position will be subject to a CRB check.



TIE PROJECT MANAGER

£24,535 per annum

Nacro has been awarded an ESF contract to deliver a personal development and employability project (called TIE) across Kent and Medway and Surrey to 14-19 years olds. The post will be based in Kent and Medway, but will require the post-holder to travel to Surrey on a regular basis. You should have experience of managing successful ESF projects, the ability to develop provision and a track record of successful engagement with 14-19 year olds and other stakeholders. Working closely with the Area Manager for Kent and Nacro's Regional Performance team, you will also need to work with partner organisations to ensure the project is effective across the whole area. The post is dependent of ESF funding and is currently until 2010.

Please note that this position will be subject to a CRB check.



Please contact Hayley Arms on 01634 818305 or hayley.arms@nacro.org.uk for an application pack.

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Network Manager

Starting salary £35,370, with progression through contribution related pay to £40,705 per annum
Tunbridge Wells, across Broadwater Children's Centre and St Paul's Children's Centre

In the context of promoting the Government's Early Years Agenda, Every Child Matters and The Children's Plan, Ashford local Children's Services Partnership offers an exciting opportunity across Ashford for a range of skilled, creative and committed people to join in the development of Children's Centres and Programmes to provide a comprehensive range of services for children under 5 and their families. Children's Centres bring together a range of services for children under 5 and their families in a friendly environment. Children's Centres are being developed across Kent as part of the Government's commitment to provide the best start in life for every child, support for parents, good quality childcare and safer, stronger communities.

This post will involve managing teams of staff developing a range of projects and services, which will implement the principles and core offer to be delivered within the Children's Centre. You will need to work alongside staff from a range of backgrounds and professions and lead effective multi-agency working. Experience of working within local communities is vital, as local children and families are key partners in the development of their Children's Centre.

You will have a degree or equivalent professional qualification in health, social work, education, community work or a similar field. Experience of working with children, families and communities as well as project management is essential. Team management and good interpersonal and communication skills is also a must for this exciting role. Owing to the sensitive nature of the work, an ability to remain confidential at all times is essential. **Ref: CFE/08/0321.**

Closing date: Midday, 30th July 2008.

Kent Safe Schools is widely recognised as a successful countywide organisation, highly skilled in developing peer-led approaches to tackling social issues and improving outcomes for children and young people across Kent.

Kent Restorative Justice Co-ordinator

Starting salary £29,920, with progression through contribution related pay to £35,370 per annum
Fixed term until 31st March 2010 and is dependent on continued funding Countywide - base negotiable

We are currently seeking an individual with the skills necessary to lead on the successful implementation of the Restorative Practice schools accreditation scheme. To achieve this it will be necessary to forge excellent working relationships with headteachers and other key partners to develop effective training, guidance, resources and support for schools and the wider community.

The ability to work collaboratively to influence change within the school and wider environment is essential, as is an extensive knowledge and experience of Restorative Practices.

You will have a professional qualification in a relevant field and experience or further professional development relating to Restorative Approaches. This will include an understanding of relevant legislation, guidance, key issues and models/approaches for implementing Restorative Practices within schools and settings. Excellent communication skills and the ability to collate, analyse and interpret data, in order to improve service delivery and outcomes, is essential. **Ref: CFE/08/0331**

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

Kent Safe Schools Project Officer

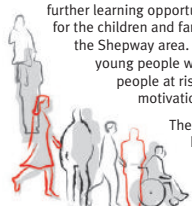
Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 pro rata
30 hours per week - initially funded for 12 months from appointment - Secondment will be considered
Shepway, Folkestone

We are seeking an experienced, dedicated person to take forward this new and exciting role within the educational environment.

The role will be based within the Causeway Team in Folkestone and will involve working with primary school aged children to establish and support Kent Safe Schools and Causeway projects in schools and the wider community. The aim of the project is to reduce exclusions, improve access to further learning opportunities and provide alternative and positive solutions for the children and families that are supported by the Causeway team within the Shepway area. You will work with agencies, schools, parents and young people with the intention of improving outcomes for young people at risk of disaffection and/or exclusion through mentoring, motivational activities and support to parents and schools.

The post will be employed by Kent Safe Schools but will have access to all relevant organisations and agencies.
Ref: CFE/08/0332

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.



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Anti-Bullying Case Worker

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 per annum
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Working closely with parents/carers, other professionals and schools where open dialogue has become difficult with a view to resolving bullying issues, you will offer support to young people to reduce incidents of bullying which will involve working one-to-one and/or in small groups. The work will also involve going into the schools to participate in reintegration, follow-up and preventative activities.

You will be full of ideas and enjoy using your initiative, joining our dedicated and highly effective staff team.

To succeed, you will work together with a wide range of agencies and service providers to ensure the needs of the parents and young people are met. So if you have the experience and commitment to working with young people we would love to hear from you. **Ref: CFE/08/0330**

Closing date: Midday, 12th August 2008.

Invicta House, Maidstone

Consumer Direct Advisors

Starting salary £15,826, with progression through contribution related pay to £16,627 per annum

The service, hosted by Kent County Council and funded by the Office of Fair Trading, is delivered from our state-of-the-art Contact Centre in central Maidstone.

Offering consumers across the South East of England telephone-based advice on their rights and guidance on resolving consumer problems, you will be liaising with Trading Standards professionals and other agencies such as the Citizens Advice Bureau.

Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by an ability to analyse the circumstances around the complaint and offer the appropriate course of action to the consumer in an accurate and easily understandable manner.

The busy nature of this service requires you to balance the need to provide appropriate advice whilst maintaining an awareness of call handling targets.

You'll be PC literate and combine proven competence in a customer-focused role with a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills. Although some kind of legal experience would be helpful, you will be provided with in-depth training.

Working hours are subject to a shift pattern that will include some weekend work. **Ref: CMY/08/0176**

Contact Centre Agents

Starting salary £13,959 (+ 5% shift allowance), with progression through contribution related pay to £15,826 per annum

To support our continued success we are looking for people with a positive, flexible attitude and excellent communication skills to join the friendly team in our state-of-the-art Contact Centre.

Everything we do is about providing the most customer-focused, individually tailored service we can. The diversity of the calls we receive means that each call is unique and, therefore, requires a unique response.

If you'd like to start using your customer service skills in a role that challenges you and really makes a difference, we'd like to hear from you!

Dealing with calls from the public, you'll provide advice, interpret queries and re-route calls appropriately.

Your professional telephone manner and excellent written and verbal communication skills will be matched by a real service ethic and an ability to deal with a challenging variety of calls.

You'll be handling everything from registering a birth or a death to enrolling a caller on an Adult Education class or directing calls from some of the more vulnerable people living in Kent. Together with demonstrated competence in a customer-focused role and a positive attitude and excellent team-working skills, you'll also need to be PC literate.

In return for your skills, you'll benefit from a competitive starting salary, excellent development opportunities and a role that will continue to challenge you.

To find out more about Contact Kent, attend our Open Evening at Invicta House from 5pm - 7pm on Tuesday 29th July. To confirm your attendance or for further details, call Pat Croucher on 01622 221406, 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday.

Working hours for these roles are subject to a rotating shift pattern which will include some weekend and bank holiday work. Ref: CMY/08/0177

Closing date: Midday, 13th August 2008.

These posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

To apply, visit www.kent.gov.uk/jobs Alternatively, please email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk or call 0845 8247 904. Please quote the relevant reference number.



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(Port Lympne)

We are currently recruiting for an experienced chef for Port Lympne Park to prepare and cook hot and cold food for our busy cafeteria style restaurant. Applicants must be trained to at least Demi Chef standard and have previous experience working in a similar fast paced environment and hold a food hygiene certificate.

Working hours are 40 hours a week, (day shifts) five days out of seven, including weekends. Reporting to the Group Head Chef, this position offers you the chance to develop your skills in a unique and challenging environment where the customer always comes first.

Seasonal Catering Assistants

(Howletts and Port Lympne)

We are looking for seasonal catering assistants to work on an as needs basis providing our Food and Beverages departments at both Howletts and Port Lympne Parks with much needed support during our busy Summer season which is May through to October.

Previous customer service experience will be an advantage but is not essential as full training will be provided. Applicants must be literate and numerate and available to work approx 40 hours a week including weekends.

To apply for one of the above vacancies; please send a recent CV and covering letter, stating the position applied for, to: Helen Dallimore-Jones, Human Resources Manager, Port Lympne Wild Animal Park, Port Lympne Nr Hythe, Kent. CT21 4PD. E-mail: personnel@howletts.net

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Administration and Office Skills Level 2 or 3

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27.75 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,364 pro rata per annum

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Post Ref: S3

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

No empty promise as rates issue builds up

A CAMPAIGN against business rates for empty commercial premises being waged by the Thanet and East Kent Chamber has gone to the highest levels.

Chief executive David Foley and president Bill Moses met the area director of South East England Development Agency, Dr Susan Priest, who is responsible for Kent and Medway in Chatham.

They stressed that with the building of new shops, offices, factories and warehouses by the private sector coming to a virtual stop, some companies are even demolishing their empty buildings to avoid paying business rates.

Dr Priest will raise the issue with the Government Office of the South East.

Take a flyer to win voucher for restaurant

DINERS who nominate their favourite restaurants to OrderOnlineNow, a new free web-based takeaway food ordering and reservation service, will receive a voucher to eat at restaurants which join the on-line community.

It is being launched in Kent with a million promotional fliers being distributed. Once established here, the model will be rolled out across the country.

Customers will be able to search and choose restaurants, select food and order takeaways, home deliveries and reserve a table. It's the brainchild of Betersden businessman Andrew Frisby.

Uni joins research team studying 'third sector'

THE University of Kent has joined forces with other institutions to develop research and analysis into groups such as charities, social enterprises and small community organisations.

Collectively known as the 'third sector', the university has forged links with the University of Birmingham's Third Sector Research Centre.

The centre receives funding from the Economic and Social Research Council, Office of the Third Sector and The Barrow Cadbury Trust. It will receive £10.25 million over the next five years.

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Business Editor Tony Patey looks ahead as the credit crunch bites

Investments fuel employment boom

And science park bucks trend in commercial property

■ BY TONY PATEY

MORE than 1,600 new jobs have been created in Ashford in the past year – according to an organisation given the task of managing the growth of the town.

Ashford is thought to be the fastest-growing town between London and continental Europe, with ambitious plans to create 28,000 new jobs and build 31,000 homes by 2031.

About £2.5 billion of public and private sector money is expected to be invested in the town – which with Thames Gateway is earmarked as a major growth area.

Training in highly-skilled sectors is growing. For example, Hitachi Rail Maintenance opened its train centre in October, and gives the town's school and college leavers chances to join an apprenticeship scheme.

Judith Armit, managing director of Ashford's Future, said: "This is an exciting time for the town. We can predict many others will soon find Ashford best placed to do business."

Locate in Kent, the county's investment promotion agency, assisted companies to create or retain 1,047 jobs in Ashford between April 2007 and this April.

Chief executive Paul Woakey said: "Half our successes have been in the ICT sector, with other jobs



GREEN ROOF PROPOSALS: A computer-generated image showing the new entrance planned for Kent Science Park, Sittingbourne

being created in construction and property, financial services, engineering and printing. Furthermore, 75 per cent were knowledge-based jobs indicating the town is attracting a high-quality workforce."

Major development plans have been unveiled at Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne, involving £25m-worth of investment over the next five years and the creation of 500 new jobs – increasing the total there by a half.

Proposals, which could also

prove to be controversial, include a new arrivals centre, for which a planning application has just been lodged with Swale council.

Another proposal is the development of further technology units following the success of the recently completed first phase of new buildings.

The most significant investment is in the extension of the park by four hectares, from 22 hectares.

This is to accommodate tenants who are expanding, and new com-

panies, within 129,000 sq ft of new commercial property as the park bucks the trend in the commercial property market.

As part of these proposals the park is consulting with residents, in particular those who live on Ruins Barn Road and Broad Oak Road, hosting a public meeting, and producing a newsletter and a website which contains details of the proposals.

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Whitstable sneak home by one run

WHITSTABLE triumphed in dramatic circumstances, beating local rivals Canterbury by a single run in Division One. Batting first after winning the toss, Whitstable made 171-8 from their allocation.

In reply Canterbury looked on course to record a victory but finished on 170-8 after 50 overs.

Victory eased Whitstable's relegation worries, while defeat all but ended Canterbury's promotion hopes.

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Kent racer Jay Bridger on his chance of winning the Formula 3 Championship

Duo steady ship to guide St Lawrence to unlikely victory

MURRAY Creed and Ciaran Morgan shared a match-winning partnership of more than 150 runs to give St Lawrence & Highland Court a four-wicket victory against Hartley.

The struggling Canterbury side looked to be heading for another defeat when title hopefuls Hartley racked up 257 after being put into bat.

James Hockley and David Thompson shared an opening stand of 104 until both were removed in quick succession by Benjamin Easter, on his way to 3-30.

Matt Stiller's 82, accompanied by a large extras column, propelled the hosts to a decent total.

Chasing 258 for only their third win of the season, St Lawrence looked doomed as

CRICKET

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

they lost five wickets for a meagre 38 runs.

But Creed held firm and along with Alex Day, stemmed the loss of wickets. Once the latter was bowled by former Kent spinner Min Patel, he was joined by Morgan, still 163 runs from victory.

To Hartley's despair the duo plugged away and against the odds saw St Lawrence home with just five balls to spare – a partnership of 166.

The win lifted the defending champions out of the relegation zone, 11 points above the bottom two.

Next Saturday they host title-chasing Bromley.



BOOST: St Lawrence's third win of the season lifted them out of the drop zone

Kent League Premier Division

Hartley Country Club CC 1st XI v St Lawrence & Highland Court CC 1st XI

Hartley Country Club

| | Runs |
|-------------------------------------|------|
| James Hockley ct Sims b Easter | 65 |
| David Thompson ct Jenkins b Easter | 19 |
| Matt Stiller ct Sims b Creed | 82 |
| James Thompson b Morgan | 15 |
| Min Patel ct Rumblelow b Jenkins | 12 |
| Justin Crouch ct Chambers b Jenkins | 0 |
| Matthew Coles run out | 0 |
| James Cramp b Easter | 6 |
| Daniel Redwood run out | 5 |
| Andrew Tutt ct Chambers b Creed | 17 |
| Darrell Carter not out | 2 |

Extras (4b 17lb 8w 4nb) 33
Total (all out, 53.4 overs) 257

Bowlers

| | O | M | R | W |
|-----------------|------|---|----|---|
| Alex Day | 10 | 2 | 48 | 0 |
| Murray Creed | 11.4 | 1 | 58 | 2 |
| Benjamin Easter | 15 | 6 | 30 | 3 |
| Luke Rumblelow | 4 | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| KIT Sims | 5 | 1 | 26 | 0 |
| Ciaran Morgan | 4 | 0 | 29 | 1 |
| Lewis Jenkins | 4 | 0 | 23 | 2 |

St Lawrence & Highland Court

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Dominic Chambers lbw b Tutt | 3 |
| Daniel Stickleb ct Coles b Carter | 8 |
| Murray Creed not out | 109 |
| David Smith ct Stiller b Carter | 16 |
| Lewis Jenkins ct Stiller b Carter | 0 |
| William Bruce run out (Coles) | 0 |
| Alex Day b Patel | 40 |
| Ciaran Morgan not out | 66 |
| KIT Sims did not bat | 0 |
| Benjamin Easter did not bat | 0 |
| Luke Rumblelow did not bat | 0 |

Extras (9lb 5w 5nb) 19
Total (6 wickets, 55.1 overs) 261

Bowlers

| | O | M | R | W |
|----------------|------|---|----|---|
| Darrell Carter | 15 | 3 | 74 | 3 |
| Andrew Tutt | 14.1 | 6 | 44 | 1 |
| Min Patel | 15 | 0 | 72 | 1 |
| Daniel Redwood | 5 | 2 | 19 | 0 |
| James Hockley | 3 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
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LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP

KENT CRICKET LEAGUE DIVISION TWO 2ND XI

Whitstable CC 2nd XI
v Canterbury CC 2nd XI CC

LEAGUE leaders Whitstable tightened their grip on the title after hammering nearest challengers Canterbury by 233 runs.

The home side made Canterbury rue the decision to bowl, as four men hit scores of more than 60 to rack up 307-7 from their 50 overs.

Tim Long and Michael Pilbeam were particularly impressive as they put on 101 for the sixth wicket.

In reply Canterbury were blown away by Long and Duncan Blackmore, slumping to 23-7.

Peter Blows and Dale Clarkson delayed the inevitable, but their knocks could not prevent a resounding defeat.

Whitstable

| | Runs |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Fred Wratten ct Walker b Hughes | 70 |
| Adam Zanotti run out | 22 |
| Jake Guinan ct Clarkson b Sullivan | 61 |
| Elliot Lewis b Sullivan | 0 |
| Michael Pilbeam not out | 83 |
| John Butterworth b Clarkson | 0 |
| Tim Long ct Sullivan b Clarkson | 61 |
| Duncan Blackmore b Clarkson | 0 |
| Ross Griggs not out | 1 |
| Peter Blows did not bat | 0 |
| Tom Phillips did not bat | 0 |

Extras (5b 2lb 2nb) 9
Total (7 wickets, 50 overs) 307

| Bowlers | O | M | R | W |
|-----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Dale Clarkson | 12 | 3 | 84 | 3 |
| Phillip Walker | 3 | 1 | 22 | 0 |
| Gerard Sullivan | 15 | 1 | 65 | 2 |
| Robert Walker | 14 | 0 | 97 | 0 |
| Tory Hughes | 5 | 0 | 32 | 1 |

Canterbury

| | Runs |
|--|------|
| Mark Slaughter ct Zanotti b Blackmore | 3 |
| Dave Sayle b Blackmore | 1 |
| Tory Hughes lbw b Long | 1 |
| Jamie Uglow ct Butterworth b Blackmore | 6 |
| Phillip Walker b Long | 5 |
| James Asklam b Blackmore | 5 |
| Peter Blows ct Zanotti b Long | 21 |
| Daniel Dolman ct Zanotti b Long | 1 |
| Dale Clarkson b Long | 28 |
| Gerard Sullivan b Griggs | 1 |
| Robert Walker not out | 0 |

Extras (1lb 1w) 2
Total (all out, 20.2 overs) 74

| Bowlers | O | M | R | W |
|------------------|------|---|----|---|
| Tim Long | 10.2 | 2 | 33 | 5 |
| Duncan Blackmore | 7 | 2 | 23 | 4 |
| Ross Griggs | 3 | 1 | 17 | 1 |

KENT LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Chestfield CC 1st XI
v Downham & Bellingham 1st XI

CHESTFIELD overcame a late batting collapse to reignite their survival hopes with a one-wicket win against fellow strugglers Downham & Bellingham.

Downham's openers got the visitors off to a great start with a partnership of 141. Darren Scott hit back for Chestfield by taking five wickets, which restricted their opponents to 216-5 from their 50 overs.

The reply began badly, with the home side reduced to 46-4. Jago Pearson (53) and Simon Buckingham (85) turned the game with a century partnership and although they lost four wickets late on, Chestfield limped home for only their third win of the season.

Downham & Bellingham

| | Runs |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Andrew Brugier ct Scott b Brown | 62 |
| Robin Bailey b Scott | 85 |
| Greg Ploverman ct Patching b Scott | 32 |
| Paul Sampson ct Buckingham b Scott | 4 |
| David Powell b Scott | 14 |
| Stewart Barnes ct Tooze b Scott | 6 |
| Chris Roche not out | 0 |
| Chris Goddard not out | 1 |
| Nick Goddard did not bat | 0 |
| Chris Mendham did not bat | 0 |
| John Sawyer did not bat | 0 |

Extras (7lb 1w 4nb) 12
Total (6 wickets, 50 overs) 216

| Bowlers | O | M | R | W |
|------------------|----|---|----|---|
| William Lock | 5 | 1 | 14 | 0 |
| Varun Thakur | 8 | 2 | 28 | 0 |
| Daniel Patching | 8 | 0 | 31 | 0 |
| Darren Scott | 11 | 1 | 41 | 5 |
| Wayne George | 2 | 0 | 14 | 0 |
| Duncan Brown | 6 | 0 | 29 | 1 |
| Jago Pearson | 7 | 1 | 30 | 0 |
| Simon Buckingham | 3 | 0 | 22 | 0 |

Chestfield

| | Runs |
|--|------|
| James Tooze ct Sawyer b N Goddard | 15 |
| Darren Scott ct Ploverman b N Goddard | 2 |
| Daniel Patching ct C Goddard b N Goddard | 1 |
| Jago Pearson run out | 53 |
| Duncan Brown b Barnes | 16 |
| Simon Buckingham ct Sawyer b Sampson | 85 |
| Stephen Cox ct Sawyer b N Goddard | 12 |
| Alister Robb run out | 5 |
| Varun Thakur ct Sampson b N Goddard | 6 |
| Wayne George not out | 2 |
| William Lock not out | 6 |

Extras (6b 6lb 1w 1nb) 14
Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) 217

| Bowlers | O | M | R | W |
|----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Nick Goddard | 13 | 1 | 49 | 5 |
| Chris Goddard | 15 | 1 | 41 | 0 |
| Stewart Barnes | 5 | 0 | 27 | 1 |
| John Sawyer | 2 | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| Chris Mendham | 10 | 0 | 54 | 0 |
| Paul Sampson | 5 | 1 | 13 | 1 |

KENT CRICKET FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1A

Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow CC 1st XI
v Nonington CC 1st XI

NONINGTON's title hopes took a blow as they slumped to a 101-run defeat against mid-table Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow.

Put into bat, Bobbing Court made Nonington toil as Richard Gower and Adam Hayward forged an opening stand of 157.

Further runs lower down the order put them in charge with a total of 263-6 from 46 overs.

Nonington's reply struggled to gain the same momentum and the visitors lost wickets too regularly to mount a serious challenge. Jamie Burrett top scored with 36 as they were bowled out for 162.

Bobbing Court and Lower Halstow

| | Runs |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Richard Gower ct May b Tutton | 78 |
| Adam Hayward ct Carnegie b Paton | 73 |
| Gary Ryan b Burrett | 29 |
| Daniel Ball ct Carnegie b Gleave | 46 |
| Darren Millbanks b Gleave | 2 |
| Trevor Earl not out | 15 |
| Paul Dennington b Gleave | 0 |
| Simon Bennett not out | 4 |
| Ian Linsell did not bat | 0 |
| Paul Bacon did not bat | 0 |
| Bob Howard did not bat | 0 |

Extras (4b 9lb 3w) 16
Total (6 wickets, 46 overs) 263

| Bowlers | O | M | R | W |
|-----------------|---|---|----|---|
| Rob Paton | 8 | 1 | 45 | 1 |
| Ned Gleave | 9 | 2 | 49 | 3 |
| Kieron Burrett | 5 | 1 | 19 | 0 |
| David Luckhurst | 7 | 1 | 41 | 0 |
| Josh Tutton | 8 | 0 | 41 | 1 |
| Jamie Sadler | 4 | 0 | 26 | 0 |
| Jamie Burrett | 5 | 0 | 29 | 1 |

Nonington

| | Runs |
|------------------------------------|------|
| John Stone b Bacon | 18 |
| Jamie Sadler ct Howard b Earl | 13 |
| Jamie Burrett b Linsell | 36 |
| Kieron Burrett b Earl | 2 |
| James Baber c&b Bacon | 3 |
| Mark May ct Millbanks b Earl | 8 |
| Josh Tutton ct Howard b Dennington | 25 |
| Rob Paton ct Dennington b Linsell | 10 |
| Ned Gleave ct Bacon b Bennett | 6 |
| Tom Carnegie ct Ryan b Bennett | 20 |
| David Luckhurst not out | 10 |

Extras (4b 4lb 1nb) 9
Total (all out, 40 overs) 162

| Bowlers | O | M | R | W |
|-----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Trevor Earl | 12 | 1 | 47 | 3 |
| Ian Linsell | 8 | 1 | 39 | 2 |
| Paul Bacon | 8 | 2 | 15 | 2 |
| Ian Linsell | 8 | 0 | 33 | 1 |
| Paul Dennington | 4 | 1 | 20 | 2 |

KENT FEEDER LEAGUE EAST 1C

New Ifield CC 1st XI
v Street End CC 1st XI

LEAGUE-leaders Street End survived a dreadful start to their innings to beat New Ifield by three wickets in a low-scoring game.

Batting first after winning the toss, basement side New Ifield struggled and were skittled out for just 105.

Paul Betts starred with the ball as he took 5-11, with Mark Hadlow and Jamie Mears taking two wickets apiece.

Victory looked a formality for Street End but a catastrophic start saw their top six batsmen contribute only 20 runs.

Fortunately for the visitors, Mears, Hadlow and Kevin Hopper scored priceless runs to guide them home.

New Ifield

| | Runs |
|-----------------------------------|------|
| Victor Outar b Hadlow | 11 |
| David Bull b Hadlow | 1 |
| Derek Stearn ct S Mears b J Mears | 13 |
| Richard Leal b Betts | 10 |
| Chris Cooke ct Chambers b Betts | 27 |
| Martin Lindenberg b Betts | 17 |
| Ricky Gunn ct Hopper b Mears | 0 |
| Mike Evans b Wilson | 4 |
| Alan Taylor b Betts | 1 |
| David Homewood b Betts | 0 |
| James Blackwell not out | 0 |

Extras (6b 3lb 11w 1nb) 21
Total (all out, 37.5 overs) 105

| Bowlers | O | M | R | W |
|--------------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Mark Hadlow | 8 | 3 | 14 | 2 |
| Sunil Samarasinghe | 8 | 5 | 9 | 0 |
| Mark Van Rooyan | 6 | 0 | 32 | 0 |
| Jamie Mears | 10 | 2 | 24 | 2 |
| Paul Betts | 5 | 1 | 11 | 5 |
| Adam Wilson | 0.5 | 0 | 6 | 1 |

Street End

| | Runs |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Matt Hopper b Lindenberg | 4 |
| Mark Van Rooyan ct Bull b Lindenberg | 2 |
| George Stacey ct Gunn b Taylor | 0 |
| Thomas Chambers ct Cooke b Taylor | 6 |
| Adam Wilson c&b Lindenberg | 4 |
| Paul Betts ct Bull b Lindenberg | 4 |
| Jamie Mears not out | 23 |
| Kevin Hopper ct Outar b Gunn | 24 |
| Mark Hadlow not out | 30 |
| Sunil Samarasinghe did not bat | 0 |
| Stuart Mears did not bat | 0 |

Extras (2b 3lb 4w) 9
Total (7 wickets, 42 overs) 106

| Bowlers | O | M | R | W |
|-------------------|----|---|----|---|
| Alan Taylor | 12 | 4 | 19 | 2 |
| Martin Lindenberg | 12 | 4 | 19 | 4 |
| Ricky Gunn | 9 | 0 | 32 | 1 |
| Victor Outar | 7 | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| Chris Cooke | 2 | 0 | 8 | 0 |

New City site to be the hub of football

FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

THIS is the image of a new community football hub that includes a new home built to Ryman League standards for Canterbury City.

After more than a year of planning, Ridlands Farm in south Canterbury has been chosen as the city council's preferred site for a community facility.

When built it will house Canterbury City, five-a-side football pitches, an artificial 3G pitch, other grass pitches and a clubhouse that would feature a state-of-the-art gym.

It is hoped that after funding and planning permission is secured, work can begin in the autumn.

Canterbury City chairman Phil Knight is delighted that a site has been identified which will help create an exciting future for the club.

He told yourcanterbury: "The understanding we have is it will be built to Ryman League standard. The KCFA have recommended it to Ryman League standard but built in a modular way.

"For example, if the project goes better than we hope we could add to it. The expectation is if we needed to it would be easy to expand.

"The key thing about it is because it is starting from scratch, both us as a club and the hub, it gives us an opportunity to build for the future."

While City will use the new site for its men's,



NEW ERA: Canterbury chairman Phil Knight (inset) says Ridlands Farm site heralds exciting future for the club

women's and junior section, the plans are for it to be used by the community throughout the course of a week which allow schools and other clubs to benefit from the project.

Knight added: "It's important to stress that

while we will use it as a base, it will have a much broader community use.

"It will become our home but it's got a wider use, it's not just for us. It would be a huge waste if it was only used on Saturdays at 3pm."

No doubting Thomas after winning return

FOOTBALL

ROB Thomas made a dream return to the first team after nine months out through injury as he scored the winner in Whitstable's first pre-season game.

The centre-back injured his ankle against Sittingbourne last October, ruling him out for the rest of last season.

He played the second half against Redhill on Saturday and scored the only goal of the game in the 89th-minute, tapping home a corner.

Oystermen boss Marc Seager was delighted to see Thomas back after such a long spell on the sidelines.

He told yourcanterbury: "I think that was his first goal since he joined the club when he was eight. It was a great lift for him after being out for so long, it will give him a massive boost going into the next few games."

Seager opted to give as many of his squad a run-out as possible and fielded a completely different side for the second half.

Featuring more regular first-team players, the hosts were well on top in the second half. Dave Cory should have opened his



Picture: PBL LANE

SPOT ON: Whitstable's Danny Wisker is brought down for a penalty against Redhill

account from the penalty spot but his effort hit the post, before Thomas settled the game.

Redhill manager Tommy Sampson made a welcome return to the dugout for the game. The renowned manager, who has coached a host of Kent clubs, is recovering from a stroke he suffered last year.

Seager said: "It was great to see him where he belongs. He got a good reception and so he should – the guy is a legend in local football."

Bay form encouraging in build-up to new season

FOOTBALL

A BIG Bank Holiday crowd should be guaranteed at Winch's Field next month as it hosts the first Herne Bay-Norton Sports derby after the Kent League unveiled next season's opening fixtures.

County League champions Norton will use Bay's home ground for the next two seasons while their ground is brought up to Kent League standards.

Barry Morgan's side should get off to a good start when they host last season's whipping boys, Sporting Bengal United, on Saturday, August 9.

After an FA Cup tie away at Redhill, Bay take on runners-up VCD Athletic two days before the match against Norton.

Stuart King's return was the highlight of Saturday's encouraging pre-season game at home to Ryman Premier side Horsham.

The striker has rejoined Bay after spells at Whitstable and Ramsgate. He is carrying a minor groin strain which could hamper his pre-season involvement, but his arrival will provide the team with an improved cutting edge up front.

The Sussex club provided a far



RETURN: Stuart King has re-signed for Herne Bay after stints at Whitstable and Ramsgate

sterner test than the Wembley team they thrashed 4-0 a week earlier. Bay began well but fell behind on 13 minutes when Jack Page finished a flowing move from close range.

Danny Lawrence's introduction after half-time gave the hosts a greater threat. His slide rule pass fed Max Ciano, but the youngster wasted a glorious chance to level.

Neil Perkins and Rhys Lawson hit the woodwork minutes later and Horsham made them pay by adding a second goal late on.

This Saturday they host Bly Spartans, kick-off 3pm.



IN FORM: Kent celebrate reaching Twenty20 finals

Tickets sell-out as Spitfire fans head to the Rose Bowl

CRICKET

THE KENT Spitfires travel to the Rose Bowl this weekend looking to make it back-to-back Twenty20 trophy wins.

Rob Key's side face the Essex Eagles in the first semi-final of the day but the winners will not only boast of a place in the afternoon's final, they will also be the first county to represent England in this summer's inaugural Champions League.

Spitfire fans have been flocking to the St Lawrence Ground this week to get their tickets for Saturday's Twenty20 finals day at Hampshire's Rose Bowl.

The demand for tickets has been so high that the club has had to get more from the Rose Bowl which will make Kent the best supported club in the final.

The club sold their allocation last week and have gone back for a further 300 tickets because the demand in the county has been so high.

Kent's commercial and operations director Jon Fordham said the club were a little taken aback at the demand to see Key's side in the final.

He said: "It has been a novel experience which took us by surprise really because of the level of interest from supporters."

"Last year for Twenty20 finals day we had to return about 500 tickets of the 1,600 we were given."

"But we sold out our allocation by Thursday morning and we managed to get a further 300 from the Rose Bowl."

"By the looks of it we will have sold 1,800 tickets which will make Kent the best supported club out of the four finalists."

While the Twenty20 tickets have been selling like the proverbial hot cakes, so too have places for the Friends Provident Trophy final against the Essex Eagles at Lord's on August 16.

The club have already sold their 4,500 allocation and Fordham has been selling a further 1,000 he received this week.

Essex are yet to put their tickets on sale and it is expected they will be unable to sell their allocation and may have to return some. Fordham has not ruled out asking for some more for Kent, if the demand is still high.

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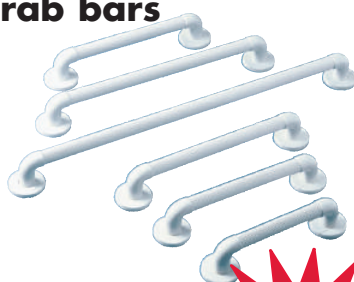
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